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Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on October 11th, A.D. 1930, A.L. 5930, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), Ponoka	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), Calgary	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. J. V. Follett (28), Calgary	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Chisholm (10), Lacombe	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Daniel McNiven (127), Blackie	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. P. A. Davie (82), Youngstown	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Lynn Wilson (76), Bashaw	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Emil W. Pust (123), Rockyford	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), Medicine Hat	Sr. Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. John Martland (63), Edmonton	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Calgary	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. John Thomson (68), Edson	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. C. B. Oakley (107), Elnora	Grand Chaplain
V. W. Bro. C. W. Boon (91), Edmonton	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Thos. D. Gold (118), Calgary	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. G. M. Ball (27), Stettler	Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. David Patterson (83), Calgary	Grand Director Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. H. H. McMordie (81), Edmonton	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. W. H. Scott (24), Vermilion	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. E. Finkle (58), Cardston	Grand Pursuivant
Bro. S. H. Davies (9), Calgary	as Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M. W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald (1), Calgary	Grand Master, 1905
M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Calgary	Grand Master, 1909
M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Macleod	Grand Master, 1912
M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Calgary	Grand Master, 1913
M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), Lethbridge	Grand Master, 1914
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary	Grand Master, 1917
M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer	Grand Master, 1919
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary	Grand Master, 1920
M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Calgary	Grand Master 1922
M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), Lacombe	Grand Master, 1925
M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), Cardston	Grand Master, 1929
M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Manitoba	Honorary Past Grand Master

PAST GRAND WARDEN

R. W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1), Calgary	Honorary Past Grand Warden
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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

- M. W. Bro. Chas. P. Moore, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.
 M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.
 M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
 M. W. Bro. Harry H. Watson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
 M. W. Bro. H. E. Rich, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
 M. W. Bro. J. S. Henderson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

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W. Bro. F. J. Hand, W.M.	"	1
W. Bro. A. M. Terrill, P.M.	"	1
W. Bro. R. Swift, P.M.	"	1
Bro. James Walker	"	1
Bro. J. H. Adams	"	1
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W. Bro. J. M. Watt, P.M.	"	5
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Bro. D. Manley	"	5
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OPENING

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Master then requested M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., to retire and introduce M. W. Brother R. S. Thornton, P.G.M., and representative of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on this occasion. This distinguished visitor was announced introduced by M. W. Bro. Selwood, received with Grand Honors and escorted to the dias.

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M., at the request of the Grand Master, then introduced M. W. Bro. C. P. Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and M. W. Bro. W. B. Tait, P.G.M., the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, who were received with Grand Honors and escorted to seats on the dias.

M. W. Bro. H. H. Watson, P.G.M., representing the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, together with M. W. Bro. H. E. Rich P.G.M. and M. W. Bro. J. S. Henderson, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, were then introduced by M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P.G.M., greeted with Grand Honors and escorted to seats on the dias.

COMMUNICATIONS

Telegrams and messages expressing fraternal greetings and regret at inability to be present, were received from the following:

M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Grand Master 1907, from Schenectady, New York.

M. W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin, Grand Master 1908, from Belize, British Honduras.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon H. W. G. Stocken, Grand Chaplain, 1910-13-14, W. M. Bow River, No. 1, 1898, First Master Gleichen, No. 36, 1908, from Victoria, B.C.

R. W. Bro. Charles Stuart Wade, Grand Director of Ceremonies 1905, from Los Angeles, California.

W. Bro. George L. Fraser, W. M. Bow River, No. 1, 1893, from Victoria, B.C.

R. W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs, Grand Registrar 1916, from Whiterock, B.C.

W. Bro. Thomas MacPherson, first Master of North Star Lodge, No. 4, then No. 41, G.R.M., 1888-9, from Tacoma, Washington. W. Bro. MacPherson stated, that he was raised in Winnipeg and assisted in the development of Masonry in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

A telegram was also received from V. W. Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, conveying the regrets of the Grand Master of British Columbia, at his inability to attend this anniversary communication, and stating that he had delegated M. W. Bro. H. H. Watson, P.G.M., to represent him on this occasion.

Letters were received from the following, regretting their inability to attend:

V. W. Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of B.C.

M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M.

R. W. Bro. F. R. Falconer, D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

R. W. Bro. R. Douglas, D.D.G.M., District No. 7.

R. W. Bro. H. P. Long, D.D.G.M., District No. 10.

R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones, D.D.G.M., District No. 17.

W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod.

Bro. The Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister.

Bro. The Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta.

The following letters to the M. W. the Grand Master and Brethren Assembled, were read:

From M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Honorary Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta:

Edmonton, Alberta.

"I regret that I shall not be with you on the 25th anniversary of the birthday of our Grand Lodge, and only that it is other Masonic business that it is my duty to attend, prevents me from being with you

"I attended most of the meetings of importance for the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and after the death of M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed, P.G.M., G.R.M., at Medicine Hat, I was the only Past Grand Master resident in Alberta.

"I think we can all look with pride on the Grand Lodge of Alberta as it now is. We are recognised by the Masonic world. Our progress has been steady and our financial standing good. We have lost quite a few prominent members. We can all agree that while they were with us they did their work well, and made the solid foundation on which we stand today. We believe and hope that they have earned their just reward.

"As one of the oldest members of this Grand Lodge, while expressing my regrets at being absent, may I wish you all success in the meeting at this anniversary and may it be in the best interests of our Craft."

From M. W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta:

London, Ontario.

"I deeply and sincerely regret that it is impossible for me to attend the 25th anniversary communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, but I shall certainly be present in spirit.

"Our Grand Lodge was formed in the same year that Alberta became a province, and as the Province has grown and made wonderful progress since its inception, so I firmly believe the Grand Lodge of Alberta has developed, laying in these early years broad and firm foundations and erecting thereon the substantial lower courses necessary to support the magnificent structure.

"Twenty-five years is not a long time, even in the life of a man, and yet during those years there have been great changes in the personnel of our Grand Lodge. We have initiated thousands into Masonry and trained enthusiasts in its teachings. Many have come and passed on, but through it all we have been blessed with willing workers and sane loyal leadership. There have been times when we stood appalled at

the loss of a great and beloved leader, but others have been found to step into the breach, willing to give their all in effort and experience, to our Fraternity. We are confident that so long as we adhere to the tenets and principles of Masonry, our Grand Lodge will continue to prosper.

"The Masons of Alberta are today, and will be for many decades to come, confronted with a great responsibility, which in itself is an almost unparalleled opportunity for service to our Dominion and to mankind. As the tide of immigration continues, it is our great task to see that these new settlers are Canadianized; to see that our new citizens are inspired with high ideals, with patriotic feelings and toleration, not only for their fellow citizens but for all their fellow men. This is the great responsibility and the great opportunity of our time. And we, who by force of circumstances, can no longer be with you, have confidence that you will 'hold high the flaming torch' and see that it is passed on into other faithful hands.

"Please accept my kindest personal regards and my very best wishes to yourself and the officers and brethren assembled at the special communication. And to all of the 'Old Guard' who worked so faithfully when I was privileged to be with them, I send affection and esteem. Though far away, they are often in my thoughts."

From R. W. Bro. J. Hinchliffe, P.G.R., P.G.C., P.D.D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta:

Minister of Education,
Victoria, B.C.

"I do not know of any function I should be more pleased to attend, if it were possible for me to do so. Unfortunately, my work here at the present time precludes me leaving the province, and in addition, there is a very important gathering of the British Columbia Municipalities Union on the 9th, 10th and 11th of October, at which I shall have to be present.

"Let me, therefore, express my very deepest regret at being unable to accept your kind invitation. I hope that your celebration will be a most successful one and in addition, I send my warmest personal greetings."

From R. W. Bro. R. G. Mathews, P.S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Alberta:

Everett, Washington.

"Thanks for the invitation to the 25th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge. It makes one think back to when, as a young corporal in the old N.W.M.P., I joined Alberta Lodge, No. 39, G.R.M., in Fort Macleod in 1881.

"I think Fred Haultain (now Chief Justice in Saskatchewan) and I took our first degree on the same night. Before I had an opportunity of getting my second degree, I was transferred to K. Division at Lethbridge and then sent on to the Little Bow Detachment, thirty miles further east, so that when I did finally get my second, I rode sixty-five miles to Macleod and sixty-five miles back the next day, and sixty-five miles on horseback is a very different proposition to sixty-five miles in a motor car. Ah well, that's a long time ago and things have changed.

"I believe I was the first Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I should like to be with you, but cannot get away so will wish the Grand Lodge many happy returns of the day."

From R. W. Bro. Charles H. Stuart Wade, P.G.D.C., P.G.R., Grand Lodge of Alberta;

Los Angeles, California.

"When I recall the fact that I am not far from being an octogenerian I feel how greatly I have been protected by the Great Architect, who has called to the Grand Lodge above so many of our brethren who were with us twenty-five years ago, at the formation of the Grand Lodge.

"As its first Grand Director of Ceremonies I felt the inspiration to stimulate Masonic Work in its purity, and to give to the Craft all the knowledge I had obtained after thirty years of research and constant attention to the Ancient Landmarks. My colleagues and superiors have, in my opinion, succeeded in placing Alberta Masons on a plane of theoretical and practical solidarity, that is worthy of emulation by many Craftsmen in other jurisdictions. I am glad to know that Masonry in Canada, especially in my own jurisdiction, is something more than a mere name, to be used for selfish purposes.

"It is right and proper that I close with congratulations and an earnest prayer for Progress, Emulation in Well Doing and Sincerity of Life, that shall be carried into the home and business relations, for Masonry is something that will uplift and bring happiness in its train when practised in its fullness.

"I long to be with you—I love Alberta—Masonry is my religion, and to all true Craftsmen I give hearty good wishes.

"May the Sublime Giver of all that is good have you, one and all, in His gracious protection."

NOTE: This worthy brother passed to his reward on March 12th, 1931.

From R. W. Bro. A. H. Denoon, P.G.C., Grand Lodge of Alberta:

Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"It warmed my heart to receive the invitation to your Grand Lodge celebration. I am only sorry that I cannot, in person, express my appreciation. I have been in hospital for nearly a year and am not in as vital touch with Masonry as of yore.

"I hereby extend my hearty good wishes to the Grand Lodge on the attainment of this anniversary and trust that the services given during all these years may be continued and multiplied in the unfolding days."

NOTE: R. W. Bro. Denoon's long illness resulted in his death early this Spring.

From R. W. Bro. W. C. Marsh, P.G.C., Grand Lodge of Alberta:

Devil's Lake, North Dakota.

"I feel I should send a short message to the Grand Lodge on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

"Apart from the natural love one has for his mother Grand Lodge, I have found in my travels that it was a real privilege to have had the experience of Masonry, which I gained within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The thoroughness, dignity and spirit of the Craft, as I knew it in Alberta, have not been surpassed and seldom have been equalled in any other place I have visited.

"To my congratulations on your birthday (may I add, *our* birthday), I would therefore add my humble but sincere gratitude for the ideal of Freemasonry, which was given to me in and by the Grand Lodge of Alberta—an ideal which has been a constant inspiration to me as well as a matter of pride."

NOTE: On going to press we read with much regret of the sudden passing of this brother in July.

From R. W. Bro. J. D. Higinbotham, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Toronto, Ontario.

"I have just learned that the Grand Lodge of Alberta is about to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. Permit me, as a Past Master of North Star Lodge, No. 4, Lethbridge, and Past D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1891, to offer my heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future growth and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

From R. W. Bro. N. T. Macleod, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Lethbridge, Alberta.

"I am more than sorry that I cannot be with you all tomorrow, as I would have enjoyed meeting the old bunch; but, 'needs must when the devil drives'. I have to close out the year's work so that settlement can be made with our shareholders, and cannot leave.

"I hope you will have a successful communication. I know everyone will have a good time. If Providence wills it, I shall look forward to meeting you all at the Golden Anniversary, so get in training for this in good time."

From V. W. Bro. John Herron:

Pincher Creek, Alberta.

"I regret very much that I will not be able to be present at the 25th Anniversary of our Grand Lodge, as my doctor advises me to avoid travelling as far as possible. It gives me great pleasure, however, to be able to congratulate the Grand Lodge on this occasion, and to extend my best wishes for its continued success and prosperity.

"I had the honor of being the first Master of Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, G.R.M., on its formation in 1889. In those days the membership was scattered over a large territory, and communication was difficult. In spite of that, the regularity of attendance was remarkable, and gave proof of the interest in Masonry and all it stands for. Many of our brethren have since crossed the Great Divide, but we can all feel that the influence of Masonry made them better men and better citizens, leaving an example that all can emulate."

From Bro. G. A. Allen, Bow River Lodge, No. 26, G.R.M.:

Vancouver, B.C.

"I regret I shall not be able to be present at your Special Communication. Please accept from an old member, initiated in 1889, my best wishes for a successful meeting, and for the continuous advancement of the Craft under the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

From Bro. B. S. Burell:

Frank, Alberta.

"It is with deep regret I find at the last moment I cannot attend the special meeting on the 11th, commemorating twenty-five years existence of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

"Being the first initiated member of North Star Lodge, No. 41, G.R.M., now No. 4, G.R.A., and having held continuous membership in the lodge since, watching our Order grow from the small beginning to the large proportions it has now reached, I desire to send my fraternal regards and greetings, trusting that all success may come to the meeting and to the Grand Lodge of Alberta in the future."

From W. Bro. Andrew Christie:

Pincher Creek, Alberta.

"In the gloaming and twilight of life an old man's thoughts carry back to long, gone days and to those things that happened then. Today, as I sat musing and recalling the events of those days, there suddenly came to my mind one of the most pleasant incidents of my life and which occurred exactly seventy years ago today (October 2nd), and it was that I was made a Mason in Doric Lodge, No. 58, G.R.C., which held its meetings in Ottawa, or Bytown, as I first knew it. This I thought might interest you, for I claim to be the oldest Mason in Alberta, and perhaps I am not over ambitious when I claim that I have been a Mason longer than any brother in Canada. If I am too presumptuous in this, nobody can deny that at least I am one of the old, *old* boys of the Order.

"When Spitzie, No. 45, was instituted in 1890, I was a charter member and the first Junior Warden. The following year I was Senior Warden and in 1892 I received the highest honor the lodge could confer on any of its members by being elected to the Master's Chair.

"I am now in my ninety-second year and in my early days wandered hither and yon from Alaska to Mexico and always found 'home' in a Masonic lodge. I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude of what Masonry has done for me in the past and now in my old age as I draw nigh to the end of the road.

"With best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and all its members, I conclude."

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

by

M. W. Brother S. M. SNEDDEN, Grand Master

Brethren:

I must on behalf of myself and the Grand Lodge of Alberta here assembled, express our deep sense of the honor accorded this Grand Lodge by the presence here today of the distinguished representatives of the Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, who are here as our guests to celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

M. W. Sirs, I extend to you the heartiest welcome and the most fraternal feelings of friendship and affection that it is possible for one body of Masons to express to another. Your presence is significant

of the hearty goodwill and co-operation in the cause of Masonry which exists not only from the Pacific Ocean to the Great Lakes, but is also typical of the solidarity of Masonry throughout this great Dominion, and I trust that the cordial relationship which exists between us, will be still further strengthened and cemented by this interchange of fraternal greetings. (Prolonged Applause).

Brethren, this is an historic occasion and from the large attendance from distant points in the province, I think that that feature of this gathering is uppermost in our minds; but to me our meeting here today should be more in the nature of an act of homage and honor to those who, after all, are really responsible for this great occasion. I am referring to those members who had the courage and foresight to form a Grand Lodge in what was then a sparsely settled country, of whose possibilities little was actually proven, development scarcely begun, communications difficult and the lodges to which these members belonged widely scattered. To the men, therefore, who built these lodges and maintained them, who conceived the idea of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and made it an actual fact, we are assembled today to honor. I do not know how many there are present who took part in that wonderful event twenty-five years ago, when this Grand Lodge came into being. Nor do I know how many there must be who were active in the work of Masonry in the eighteen lodges which existed at that time under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who may be present today in this hall. These latter brethren, who may not have been actually present at the ceremonial inauguration, still had as much to do with the early development of Masonry and the formation of Grand Lodge, and to them also credit should be given. (Applause).

So I welcome you my brethren and appreciate the way you have responded to my call to this special communication, and I trust that you will grasp the opportunity you have of exchanging personal and fraternal greetings with these men of the past, who indeed built better than they knew, and that you will be inspired with some of their enthusiasm and faith in the future from that contact, which perhaps many of us badly need under present conditions. I venture to say that if the spirit of the pioneer can be transmitted to this splendid gathering, we need have no fear, either for the future prosperity of our Order in Alberta or for the future of this great province. (Applause).

M. W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson, P.G.M., then suggested that it would be appropriate to have those members of Grand Lodge here, who were present at the Grand Communication twenty-five years ago, stand at the altar, as the members of Grand Lodge here this afternoon, would like to see these pioneers of Masonry in Alberta. (Applause).

On the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following brethren approached the altar:

M. W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald, P.G.M.
M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P.G.M.
M. W. Bro. R. Patterson, P.G.M.
M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, P.G.M.
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, P.G.M.
R. W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, P.G.W.
W. Bro. Geo. Hill, P.M.
W. Bro. H. C. Wingate, W.M.

where they were received with applause and Masonic Grand Honors, and addressed by the Grand Master as follows:

"I think brethren I need not express the feelings which we have with respect to you. It is a privilege for us to be here today to do honor to you, who bore the heat and burden of the day twenty-five years ago and assisted in the formation of this Grand Lodge. You see here, today, the splendid result of your courageous action at that time, and the fact that you still retain an active connection with Grand Lodge and Masonry is full of encouragement to those of us who follow, and I hope that the super structure, which we are endeavoring to place on the foundation, the corner stone of which you laid, may indeed be a credit to the work you commenced. I think the applause of your brethren is evidence of their appreciation of the services which you rendered to the Craft in this province, not only twenty-five years ago, but up to the present time, and I trust that you will be long spared to continued your activities on behalf of our beloved Order." (Prolonged Applause.)

The Grand Master then requested all those brethren, who were members of lodges in Alberta prior to 1905, to stand in their places. About forty members stood up and were greeted with applause. The Grand Master said:

"Brethren, we are gratified to see that we have so many who have been connected with the Craft for so long a time. I think I may say, when we see so many members here, who have maintained their interest in our Order through all these years, and no doubt have made some sacrifice to be with us today, that the Grand Lodge of Alberta owes its wonderful progress to men such as these." (Applause).

The Grand Master then requested the Mayor of the City of Calgary R. W. Bro. A. Davison, to address the meeting, who spoke as follows: "M. W. Sir and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

"It was only a few minutes ago that my fellow countryman, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, whispered to me that I would be expected to make an address this afternoon. That is just an indication of what one Irishman will sometimes do to another. (Laughter).

"Might I be permitted to say that it is indeed a privilege and a pleasure for me to come here today and on behalf of the citizens of Calgary extend a very hearty welcome to our brethren from the other portions of our province and also to those distinguished Masons from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, who at great inconvenience to themselves, have honored us by coming here to this 25th Anniversary of the formation of our Grand Lodge. I know that I am expressing the thoughts of our citizens when I say that we sincerely hope that during the stay of these visitors in our city they will enjoy themselves to the full and that when they leave Calgary, after an entirely too short a stay, they will carry away with them many pleasant memories of their visit here.

"To those of us who can rightly claim to be old-timers in this province—and I am one of them—I know that it is gratifying to think that the Grand Lodge of Alberta has kept step with the progress experienced by our own particular province. Co-incident with the granting of autonomy to Alberta this Grand Lodge was formed and from that day, from a very small beginning, we have gone forward to bigger and better things and I am, I am sure, expressing the sentiments not only of the Masons of Calgary but of the thousands of well-wishers amongst our citizens, who are not of our Craft, when I express the hope that in the days to come this Grand Lodge will be permitted to, and will, we know, carry on in the same very wonderful way that they have done in the past." (Applause).

ADDRESS

"Formation of Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1905"

The M. W. the Grand Master, in requesting M. W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald to address the meeting, said that nothing gave him so much pleasure as to greet our first Grand Master here this afternoon, and he was sure that all those present were equally glad to welcome this distinguished brother who had done so much in the organization work of Grand Lodge at the time of its formation and for many years afterwards as Grand Secretary. He had been responsible for the inauguration of our system of card registration, a system which was probably the first of its kind on this continent and which had been copied by many Grand Lodges. It was impossible to enumerate the services he had rendered in establishing Masonry on a firm footing in this province and before calling on him he requested the brethren to rise and express their appreciation of his presence here today. The brethren stood and greeted M. W. Bro. MacDonald with cheers.

M. W. Bro. Macdonald then proceeded.:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

It certainly gives me also a great deal of pleasure to be here and while it appals one to know what to say, when one begins to realize the enormous difference in this gathering from that held in 1905, when we started this Grand Lodge with a comparative handful of members.

"While in the ante-room I was talking to some of our brethren from British Columbia and I want to digress for a moment on their account. At the time that Masonry started in Calgary the original petition of Bow River Lodge, now No. 1, was made to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. After waiting for a period of six or seven weeks and receiving no response, a second petition for dispensation was then sent to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. A reply was received from both Grand Lodges at about the same time, granting dispensation, but on account of the difficulties of communication between Calgary and British Columbia, it was decided to accept the Manitoba offer. Communications, I might point out, between Calgary and British Columbia, at that time were from here to Winnipeg, Winnipeg to Omaha, Omaha to San Francisco and from San Francisco by steamer to Victoria, three times a week. (Laughter). So we thought it would be wiser to stay with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

In 1884 there were present in the North West Territories, as it was at that time, five lodges: one at Regina, one at Moosomin, one at Calgary, one at Edmonton and one at Prince Albert. These five lodges had even at that date considered the formation of a Grand Lodge, but realizing that eventually the territories would be split up into provinces and that they might meet with considerable difficulty in properly working matters out, it was decided to wait.

In 1893 a peculiar situation again arose. In that year Dr. Goggin of Winnipeg was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and Thomas Tweed of Medicine Hat was Deputy Grand Master. The meeting of Grand Lodge that year was held at Banff and the question was again discussed regarding the formation of a Grand Lodge here. While that was under discussion, a very nice problem came up. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba said, that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was formed in and for the Province of Manitoba. They were holding the Grand Lodge meeting at Banff, outside the

province of Manitoba and the Grand Master, who when he was elected resided in Winnipeg, had in a few months time been removed to Regina, as Superintendent of Education there, and was therefore living outside the province of Manitoba, while the Deputy Grand Master had his home in Medicine Hat. The question arose, what were they going to do about it? They got over that by moving an amendment to the Constitution adopting the North West Territories, which was carried. (Laughter).

During that meeting at Banff the discussion regarding the formation of a new Grand Lodge developed considerable feeling. A great many did not want to see the jurisdiction divided, but a motion was eventually passed, with a rider attached, that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, when the time was ripe for the formation of Grand Lodges in any portion of what was then the North West Territories, would help them in their undertaking. We all know how well that was carried out and I will come to it later. That was in 1894.

We now come down to 1905. On the 21st of March, 1905, Past Grand Master Geo. H. Hogbin, who was then Master of Bow River Lodge, while I was its Secretary, received a letter from another Past Grand Master, Bro. Kealey, who was then Master of Medicine Hat Lodge, suggesting that we approach the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to receive recognition at their June meeting. The lodges in the territory that was presumed to be Alberta, were circularized to meet on the 24th of May, and at that meeting nine lodges were represented with twenty-nine delegates. After a great deal of discussion they thought it better to wait again. It was thought at that time the Autonomy Bill would be passed on July 1st. However, the whole matter of the formation of a Grand Lodge was discussed, and a committee appointed to go into the question of procedure. That committee was composed of Bros. Dr. Lindsay, Thos. Tweed and E. N. Brown, old and experienced members, and a great many in this lodge room today must remember them. Bro. Lindsay was the first Master of Bow River Lodge. Bro. Brown was also a Master of Bow River, while Bro. Tweed was Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and was our natural choice, at that time, for the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta; but unfortunately death intervened and M. W. Bro. Tweed passed away, deeply regretted by the brethren.

We adjourned until the 6th of July, and at that meeting only eight lodges were represented, so we merely discussed the matter again and as the Autonomy Act was still being debated in Parliament, it was decided to again adjourn the meeting until one month after the Autonomy Bill came into force. This Act was passed on September 1st, 1905, and the adjourned meeting called for October 12th, on which day the Grand Lodge of Alberta came into being. At that time there were 18 lodges in the Province of Alberta and 17 of these lodges were represented by 79 delegates at the meeting on October 12th. The Grand Lodge was duly formed and constituted, its officers elected and installed, and for the performance of that important duty we were indebted to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, came all the way from Winnipeg and installed the officers, assisted by M. W. Bro. Braithwaite, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. As a slight recognition of their services on our behalf, the first act of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was to confer on them the rank of Honorary Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

At that same meeting an application for dispensation was presented from High River brethren for a new lodge, with the request that

Grand Lodge give it a name. The application was granted and Grand Lodge decided that the lodge should be called, "Cornerstone", and on receipt of its charter the following year it became No. 19 on the register of the Grand Lodge, and is today one of the most flourishing lodges in our jurisdiction.

That is a brief summary of the formation of Grand Lodge. We who formed it at that time had little idea of the tremendous development our action would effect in Masonry. It was a difficult proposition then. We did not know from where funds were coming, but we could get all the workers we wanted. Everybody was willing to work. We all worked hard and we all worked together, and we gradually got things moving, but I must confess I had no idea, until the other day, of the tremendous progress made in this jurisdiction, when I began to compare the strength and standing of our Craft as it was then with what it is at the present time. In 1905 we had 18 lodges with 1,205 members. Today, in twenty-five years time, which after all is a very short period, there are 156 lodges with 14,047 members. That is indeed a gratifying result, and the work of Grand Lodge as represented by its financial statements is equally satisfying, as showing sound and solid progress. Everything is in good shape and I am proud and very happy to know that things are in that state and I feel this afternoon that we can look back with pride on our progress, from the very small beginning twenty-five years ago, and look forward with even greater pride and confidence to what will be attained in another quarter of a century. (Prolonged applause).

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Address by M. W. Brother R. S. THORNTON, P. G. M., Honorary
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta
Representing the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on this occasion.

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M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

It is hardly necessary for me to say how much I appreciate the fact of being able to be present here today as the representative of the Mother Grand Lodge of this Grand Lodge of Alberta and to take part with you in celebrating this mile-stone in the history, not only of Masonry in Alberta, but Masonry in the whole of Western Canada.

The committee arranging your proceedings naturally invited the present Grand Master of Manitoba to be present on this occasion, but he already had a date fixed for yesterday evening for a District Meeting, which it was quite impossible for him to change to any other section of the calendar. It was, therefore, impossible for him to be present and the first message I have to give you is his deep and sincere regret that he is not able to be with you on this occasion, a regret which I very sincerely echo. I think that the brethren in Grand Lodge, or at least some of you, had the occasion some two or three years ago of meeting him when he was here attending a meeting of the Anglican Synod. Of course being Scotch, I know you will not misunderstand me when I say that my own regret in that respect is somewhat tempered by the fact that I was asked to come as his representative. (Laughter).

Our friend, M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, who, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at that time, instituted this Grand Lodge, was also unable to come and I can assure you that the years are laying their hands somewhat lightly upon him. A few days ago Bro. Scott

had a stroke. Speaking from the point of view of a medical man I do not think that I have ever seen anyone suffering from a stroke of that kind who has made so complete a recovery as he. (Applause). He is still handicapped by a drag in the left leg but otherwise he moves around the streets of Winnipeg as dapper and as spry and as sprightly as the members, who knew him in the past days, will recall. Then there is our mutual friend, the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. James Ovas. (Applause). I regret that it was impossible for him to make the long trip to Calgary, but you must not think from that that Jim is not just the same happy, bright, cheerful figure that he always has been. I am very glad to bring to you from him the very warmest greetings which are appropriate to an auspicious occasion of this kind. (Applause).

Might I add a word with regard to myself. I had the honor of being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for two years, from June 1900 to June 1902, and during that time the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was working under that amended constitution to which our friend Bro. Macdonald referred and this was part of its territory. It was my pleasure and privilege to lay out, probably for the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, a series of district visits and in pursuance of that plan there were three meetings held in what is now the Province of Alberta. I arrived on the last day of the century, the 31st day of December in the year 1900, and spent the day with the brethren at Edmonton, and specially with our friend Bro. Braithwaite, who afterwards became Grand Master in 1903. I travelled down on the 1st day of January, 1901 and arrived at Calgary in the evening. I was met with a most joyous gathering of Bow River and Perfection Lodges together, and a few other brethren who were able to come in from near by points. Then I went on from here to Lethbridge where our friends from Spitzie were present, W. Bro. Kemmis, Bro. Patterson and one or two others.

My first entry into Grand Lodge was during the Grand Mastership of Bro. Tweed of Medicine Hat. I learned to love Bro. Tweed very much and it is one of the pleasant sides of a gathering like this that we can think and speak of the men who came to Winnipeg year after year, full of vigour and full of a spirit of progressiveness in the interests of Masonry. There were three or four outstanding men from Alberta. There was Bro. Tweed for one. There was the Laird of Dunmore from east of Medicine Hat. Then there was Bro. Braithwaite and Bro. Kemmis from Spitzie. Having had that connection with this territory when it was part of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I feel that in coming here on this occasion I am not coming as a complete stranger, but that I am only coming home. (Applause).

In an institution like Freemasonry, which prides itself on the fact that it is wholly a masculine institution, it seems curious that we should speak of the Mother Grand Lodge and the Daughter Grand Lodge. Nevertheless that is our way of phrasing it and as the representative of our Mother Grand Lodge I am very glad to listen to the story of Bro. Macdonald and realize how you have kept step with the development of this western country, and, speaking with parental pride, to see what a husky youngster our Grand Lodge of Alberta has grown to be. (Applause). I give you my heartiest congratulations and I know I am not speaking for myself alone. I am speaking the sentiments of the whole parent Grand Lodge. It will be my privilege at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to make a report to that body of this grand gathering here and I know I am only intimating in advance their congratulations and their best wishes for your further progress.

Perhaps it would be appropriate to take a look at the Mother Grand Lodge from the point of view that this is not merely an Alberta celebration but is a Masonic celebration affecting the whole of this whole western part of Canada. We must not forget that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia is the senior Grand Lodge in the West: British Columbia's Grand Lodge was organized in 1871. We in Manitoba were not organized until 1875. In the year 1870, when the Province of Manitoba started out on its career as a political entity it was estimated that at that time, not speaking of Indian Tribes, the total population from the head of the Great Lakes to the foot of the Rocky Mountains, including settlers, Hudson's Bay officials, half-breed trappers and other residents of every kind, did not exceed eleven thousand souls in the whole of this western country. Today, including British Columbia, the population west of the Great Lakes numbers nearly one-third of the population of this Dominion of Canada. (Applause).

In the year 1867 a lodge was instituted under the name of "North-er Light" in the Province of Manitoba, receiving its dispensation from from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to the south. That lodge existed for a few years and then it ceased to function. Three lodges received their charters from our Mother Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and in the year 1875 those three lodges took upon themselves the responsibility of organizing a Grand Lodge. The history of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba up to the time of the creation in 1905 of these two great provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, was one of peaceful progress, with the exception of a somewhat stormy episode during the first four or five years. I think it is Carlyle who says, "Happy is the land whose annals are blank in history books," but the peaceful progress with which we developed kept step with the development of the country. When these two Provinces were created the most natural thing happened, a step which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba heartily concurred in, when eighteen lodges in Alberta and sixteen in the Province of Saskatchewan, decided to break away and set up housekeeping on their own account. That made a big hole in the roll of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the next time that we held a Grand Lodge meeting some of the benches looked very empty. Nevertheless we consolidated our position and today we have 102 lodges in the Province of Manitoba in active operation with a membership of a little over twelve thousand members, 12,070 to be exact. (Applause). Naturally there is not now left in the Province of Manitoba any large area where new lodges may be instituted. The most recent one to be instituted is that of Flin Flon, the furthest point so far in Manitoba. Our increase in growth must be simply through an increase in the membership of the lodges, which are already there. There can only be from year to year one or two or three new lodges created because the whole of the area, geographically speaking, has been supplied with lodges in sufficient number to meet the interests of those who might wish to join our Craft. Fortunately we do not estimate our success and prosperity in Masonic matters by numbers. These numbers, however, show that our Masonic institution is vitally alive and active, and that it is keeping step with the development of the country in which we live. The very fact that we do not invite members to join our ranks makes it impossible for us to measure our progress instead by the effect and the influence which our Masonic institution is exercising and has exercised in the past. In the Province of Manitoba, with a population of approximately seven hundred thousand and a membership of twelve thousand, and in Alberta something like six hundred and fifty thousand and a membership of fourteen thousand, we look numerically a very small number of people compared to the total population of the country, but if you measure the effect of our institution by the impact and the influence

which these lodges and their members make, you will realize that the Masonic institution has been exercising an influence upon our social and community life far out of proportion to their relative numerical strength. (Applause). If you would estimate what Freemasonry has meant to the West, look for a moment at the various organizations which deal with our social and community affairs.

We must not jump at the conclusion that the whole of the Masonic spirit is inside the Masonic Craft. We all realize that in our respective communities there are many men of whom it might well be said that they are already Masons in their hearts and whose lives are moulded on that principle, who have not yet seen fit or thought it necessary to affiliate with our organization. With this reservation, look at our public administration, the members of the legislature, the members of the executive, your premiers, the ministers of the different provinces, the officials of the municipalities, the men who are active as teachers, as school inspectors, as administrative boards, our social functions, our hospital boards, all the different activities which may be classed under the head of community service, our churches, the men who act as managers or stewards or vestrymen, clergymen, and so on, as the case may be. Estimate each one of you just for your own province, for your own little town and community, and take out of these service activities the men who are Masons and you will find that the public life of your community would suffer a great gap. (Applause).

So we might ask ourselves fittingly on this occasion the question why Freemasonry?

It has been my pleasure on different occasions here in Calgary and Edmonton and elsewhere to give addresses dealing with the antiquity of Freemasonry and so on. We cherish the fundamentals of our Craft but we are dealing today with the 20th Century. We are dealing with this practical world of now and we may well ask ourselves the question, what our Freemasonry is doing in this world of practical affairs?

I have already indicated one line of influence. Our institution does not necessarily operate through carrying on organized effort. It is true that many Grand Lodges do carry on the maintenance of hospitals or Homes for Orphaned Children and so on, but that is not necessarily a function of the organization. Freemasonry makes its activities felt through the impact of its principles and teachings on the lives of the individual members of the Craft and they in turn make their impact on the community by expressing those principles in the way in which they take their share of the responsibility of carrying that community on. (Applause).

I am sure most of you have been asked, what is this Masonic Institution for anyway? You have been told there is that institution which exists for the purpose of providing sick benefits, insurance in case of difficulty; here is another institution which is carrying on some social propaganda; here is another institution which is carrying on some political effort, but what are you for anyway? These institutions get their men together as a brotherhood in order to carry out a particular object. We get together as a brotherhood in order that we may be a brotherhood, that the teachings of the institution may express themselves through the individual. (Applause). It is not an institution which a member joins to get anything. It is an institution which he joins in order that he may be in a position to give something, give of himself, give of his means, aim to give his contribution to his age and generation in which he lives.

To show how very real this Brotherhood may be, let me give you one or two striking instances outside of the ordinary routine of daily contacts. In 'Ancient Freemasonry and the Old Dundee Lodge,' by Brother Arthur Heiron, is related an incident which happened to a British officer, an engineer in the Jungles of Burma. He had occasion to travel up country and found himself in a part of the country inhabited by wild tribes known as 'The Shans.' He was taken with fever, was seized by members of this tribe and was about to be tortured and put to death, when from a near by temple there came a Buddhist Priest. The possessions of the British officer had been torn open and left lying on the ground and among them were some jewels of the Craft. When the Priest saw them he told the tribesmen he would look after this man, took him into his temple, nursed him for six weeks, took him back down the river to civilization, was offered rewards monetary and otherwise for what he had done, but answered, 'I have simply done my duty.' He is one of us.' The facts are vouched for by a reliable witness, a cousin of the man who actually went through this experience.

Here is another incident from the same book. The man in this case was the W.M. of Dundee Lodge in the year 1920 and his portrait is given. He was made a Mason in India in Mooltan Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of England. When he first saw the light of Masonry he found that the Master was a Parsee, the Senior Warden was a Mahomedan, the Junior Warden was a Hindu and he himself a Christian soldier. Is there any other place on this earth's broad surface where it would be possible to get representatives of such conflicting groups sitting together in amity and brotherly love except under the shadow of our Masonic institution? (Applause). The separation of religion, the separation of caste, made it impossible for these brethren to eat together. When it came to the so called fourth degree they did not go there but they sat together and smoked together and met in brotherly love and promulgated the principles of Freemasonry just as we do in our lodges in Alberta, Manitoba and elsewhere. I think you will realize that this institution of ours is not merely a thing of the past. It is a thing of the present, nay, more, it is a thing of the future. There never was a time when Freemasonry all along the front was in such a progressive attitude as it is today and we only have to think a little while to realize that it has been a world influence. Not merely within the circumscribed sphere of our own village, town, province or dominion. Look for instance at our Mother Grand Lodge of England. Twenty-five years King Edward VII. as Prince of Wales was Grand Master; for the succeeding years his brother, the Duke of Connaught was Grand Master and still Grand Master. May he continue for many years to direct their efforts. (Applause). Our own present Prince of Wales is Senior Grand Warden, with his brother, the Duke of York and another brother also a member and taking a prominent position in the Craft. (Applause). Action and reaction. Man contributes to Freemasonry. Freemasonry contributes to man. With such distinguished brethren as these, the position of authority and influence which they exercise in the affairs of the nation and of the whole British Empire, who shall say to what extent Freemasonry and its principles find expression in their official acts? King Edward VII., as you know, passed into history as the Peacemaker, and there never was a time in the history of the world when it was more necessary that there should be an agency spreading good will and making for peace in this world than at the present time. In some of the Old Charges of the Craft, written now nearly six hundred years ago, we read: 'Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony and live together in brotherly love and concord.' One of the duties which we as Masons owe, is each to take his own part and his own share in helping conditions which will bring about the world peace which we all so much desire.

Our great sister Republic to the south has a similar history. You might say that that great Republic was cradled in Freemasonry. A great majority of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence were members of Masonic lodges and the men who took the foremost place in connection with that movement were all prominent Freemasons. George Washington, the Father of his country; Benjamin Franklin, the great diplomatist of the movement, and General Joseph Warren, the great military leader, in their day played their part as Masons. From then until now the majority of presidents of the great Republic have been Freemasons. In South Africa, in 1902, as you all know, there was an unfortunate war, deplored at the time and deplored ever since by everybody in the Old Land. There never was a conflict in history where the traces of discord were blotted out so rapidly and why? Because when the commissioners were appointed to round out the difficulties which had precipitated the war, the majority on both sides belonged to Masonic lodges. They discussed things together and entered into the conference in a spirit of good will and friendship, with the result that within six months all the differences and difficulties were wiped out and we saw in a very short time afterwards the Union of South Africa created under the British Flag. There is one man whose name ought to be spoken of in that connection and that is Jan Christian Smuts, one of the leaders, one of the men who fought against Great Britain, one of the men who sat in on that commission, one of those men who, from his experience on that occasion, has become one of the most loyal and active British Subjects that Great Britain possesses. A man who has made his influence towards peace felt more than any other individual perhaps. Present at the Treaty of Versailles; present at the first convention of the League of Nations; one of the first signatories, continuously a member ever since; the man who really solved the Irish problem and who persuaded the representatives of the Irish Free State to accept Dominion status rather than create a Republic outside the British Crown. We cannot ask for a more splendid example of the duty of every Craftsman to promote peace than is shown in that little sketch which I give you of our distinguished Craftman, Jan Christian Smuts. Such distinguished service is not for us perhaps. That does not matter. Let us realize as never before that Freemasonry exerts its influence through the individual member. We have a glorious heritage; we all appreciate the great privilege of belonging to this Craft; then let us realize its responsibilities; the greater the privilege the greater the responsibilities.

M. W. Grand Master, it has been a great delight to me to be here on this occasion, to witness the development which has taken place and while we can congratulate ourselves on the great influence which Freemasonry has in the past exercised in this western portion of Canada let it be to us simply an earnest of greater effort, greater success and a forerunner of greater Masonic influence in the years to come. (Prolonged Applause).

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT OF THE LODGES WHICH FORMED GRAND LODGE

Representatives of the eighteen lodges which formed Grand Lodge were requested by the Grand Master to stand, and were greeted with applause. The following members, several of whom were active in 1905, then briefly replied for their lodges:

In the evening, a banquet was held in the Masonic Temple, at which over three hundred were present, and enjoyed a programme of music and speeches.

The following toasts were proposed:

“THE KING AND THE CRAFT”

“OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS”

Proposed by R. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. W. Kerby, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Brother Toastmaster:

Looking about me and into the faces of this fine Masonic body, I can readily discern two leading characteristics of genuine Masonry, namely, Confidence and Cheerfulness. The one is the complement of the other. Taken together they accomplish wonderful things. Taken separately they amount to comparatively little.

The man who thinks all the time is as cold as a dog's nose, and as Shakespeare said, is dangerous. The man who cries all the time is like a grave yard. The man who laughs all the time is a fool. But the man who does all these in due proportion and with proper balance, and when related to a worth while objective, is the highest type of a man—a Mason or a Christian.

The historians tell us that the Christians of the first century won their great victories over Paganism largely because of these qualities of Confidence and Cheerfulness. And because of the same qualities, Paul became the most influential personality in the Roman Empire of his day. Paganism is the religion of despair and gloom. Christianity is the religion of hope, joy and gladness.

One of the peripatetic psychologists, who occasionally visits our cities and takes away a few thousand dollars with him, said on his opening night, that he could tell the religious persuasion or denomination of any man in the audience by his facial expression. This statement was doubted, but he offered to put it to the test, and did so. Pointing in one direction he said, “The man sitting over there is a Baptist.” He was right. Pointing in another direction he said, “The man sitting over there is a Methodist.” He was right again. Pointing in still another direction he said, “The man sitting over there is an Anglican.” He was right for the third time. Pointing in still another direction he said, “The man sitting there is a Presbyterian,” and his statement was challenged. The man referred to arose to his feet and said, “I am not a Presbyterian. It is indigestion makes me look like this.” (Laughter). Please understand that no reflection is meant on the Presbyterian or any other religious denomination.

Whatever is the cause, whether it is indigestion or false views of life, that produces such an expression, we must get at the cause and remove it. In days gone by, there were bitter controversies between religious bodies. Bigotry, jealousies and religious prejudices too often produce facial expressions that lack both Confidence and Cheerfulness, but great progress has been made since the time when the Baptist used to sing about the Methodist:

“I'd rather be a Baptist
And wear a shining face
Than be a shouting Methodist
And fall away from grace.”

And when the Methodist sang about the Presbyterian:

"I'd rather be a Methodist
And talk about *free grace*
Than be a hard-shelled Calvinist
And damn near half the race."

And when the Presbyterians sang about all others:

"We are the faithful few.
Let all the rest be damned.
There's lots of room in hell below
We can't have heaven jammed."

(Laughter).

R. W. Sir, we all rejoice in the happy occasion that has brought to us our distinguished brethren from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, as well as honored brethren from various points of our own province. Confidence and Cheerfulness is written on the countenance of all here. Masons indeed are the sons of the dawn, while Masonry stretches back into the immemorial traditions. Masonry also looks forward to a more glorious future. Masonry is only at its beginnings.

Twenty-five years is not a long time. Indeed, it is but a short time compared with the march of the centuries, yet it is doubtful if in five hundred years there has been the progress and advancement in world life that has taken place during the last twenty-five years. And it is equally doubtful if any part of the world has seen the advancement that Western Canada has seen during that time in Agriculture, Industry, the Science of Government, Education, Religion and Fraternism.

This celebration tonight is in itself an evidence of the progress that has been made in Masonry, not only numerically but in those higher spiritual values which are at once the infinite source of the greatness and glory and abiding influences of our Fraternity.

And standing on the pinnacle of twenty-five wonderful years of achievement, looking towards the dawn of a new and better day, we may well ask, what has Masonry to offer us for the future?

First let me say that Masonry offers to each of its members a philosophy to live by, a philosophy as solid and sound as the eternal hills of God. In the second place, Masonry offers a society to live in, an enlarging fellowship, a stimulus to men and brethren of kindred spirits. And in the third place, Masonry offers an ideal to live up to and to look up to—an ideal worthy of the dignity and destiny of an immortal spirit.

There is no place for the pessimist or the materialist or the atheist in Masonry.

The pessimist may sing:

"Ruin and death are abroad today.
God has gone out of the world.
What does it profit to preach and pray?
God has gone out of the world."

"Truth is futile and right is weak.
God has gone out of the world.
Vainly we listen to hear Him speak.
Has he forgotten the world?"

But every true Mason can sing:
"No, He liveth, He heeds, He hears.
God is alive in the world.
Faith can see Him through pain and tears.
God is alive in the world.

"He will help in His own good time.
God is alive in the world.
Truth shall win on a day sublime.
God lives on in the world."

(Applause).

Brethren, I would ask you to rise and drink this toast to our visitors.

Response by M. W. Brother Dr. C. P. MOORE, Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

R. W. Bro. Toastmaster and Brethren:

When I received the invitation to come here and take part in this Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary, I accepted without any hesitation. I believe that any Grand Master should make it his business, during his term of office, to visit at least the two or three Grand Lodges contiguous to his own Grand Jurisdiction.

But I have other reasons too. I wished to be present and see how you conduct your affairs. I have seen. I also wished to come here and see how my brother, ruler of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, carried on. I have seen that too, and I may say that I am perfectly satisfied. I have learned much today.

This afternoon I listened with a great deal of pleasure to the address of welcome by your Grand Master. I believe he discharges his duties as Grand Master with great credit. I would be perfectly satisfied if I could feel as much at ease in the Grand Master's chair as he appears to be. I also listened, with a great deal of pleasure to a resume of the work of this Grand Lodge since its inception, by your first Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald. That is always interesting and particularly so to the brethren present.

When your Mayor of Calgary—a man of pleasing personality and nicely modulated voice—spoke, brethren for the first time in my life, I listened to a Mayor who did not give, what I would call, a good advertising speech, even at a Masonic gathering. (Laughter). I remember being present at a Masonic gathering in the City of Saskatoon. Possibly you may have heard of Saskatoon. (Laughter). They advertise. On this occasion the Mayor took advantage of the circumstances and delivered a real oration on the beauties, the good points and, I would say, the positiveness of the future success of the City of Saskatoon. It was going to be probably the largest city in Canada, and he enlarged on this for at least ten minutes. When he was through I said to him, "Are you not boasting just a little?" "Boasting, man, boasting, why those remarks of mine were more or less an apology. If you want to hear me boast, I will start all over again." (Laughter).

I think myself that you have something here to boast about. You have a magnificent city and I see no reason why the Mayor here should not be less modest and do a little advertising himself, even at a Masonic gathering.

Then we heard reports from the representatives of the original lodges, which formed your Grand Lodge, and if the Mayor had been called upon after hearing from those men, he would have opened up, taken a little more pride in his work and advertised his city. (Laughter). When I hear a man from Cascade Lodge, No. 5, lay claim to the fact that they had the handsomest representation in your Grand Lodge, I would not say that he was particularly modest. (Laughter). But I would say that he was a good advertiser. (Laughter).

When I accepted this invitation I must confess that I was laboring under a handicap. I did not know whether I was to appear here and speak upon some Masonic matter, or whether I had to confine myself to the usual style of banquet address; but I would like to touch on some things that concern us all. However, I want it understood that I am simply expressing my own personal opinions. I am just simply going to tell you what we have done along certain lines.

First, I must say that I was astonished at our reception. I had heard a lot about Calgary, in fact I was advised not to bring very much money with me. (Laughter). I was also warned, that when I came to Calgary, I must come with two or three good stories and lay aside all that hard stuff, because I was told they had lots of it in Calgary and they delighted in making use of it. (Laughter). Now I can say, that I have not been approached by anyone since I struck this fair city, and I believe after the kindly remarks I have made regarding your Mayor, he will take every precaution to see that we are properly protected until we get out of town. (Laughter). And the reception you have given us tonight, in all seriousness, was absolutely beyond expectations. It was wonderful. It almost reminded me of a bunch of those high powered oil salesmen. (Laughter).

In Saskatchewan we have had much the same difficulties to contend with, that you have had in Alberta. Take the formation of new lodges, I noticed in reading over your Proceedings, that M. W. Bro. Mitchell, I think it was, said in his address at Grand Lodge, that you in Alberta had reached the stage of saturation. Well, you have 156 lodges and we have 179. If you have saturation, we must have precipitation. I have contended for years, that the one great mistake we are making is that this competition, in the formation of new lodges, is not taken entirely out of the hands of the constituent lodges, and also out of the hands of the District Deputy Grand Masters. That at least is what I have advocated for our own Grand Jurisdiction, and my reason is that when an application is made for a dispensation to form a new lodge the brethren that sign that petition are naturally members, in many cases, of the nearest lodge. They put in this application and it must receive the sanction of the nearest lodge. I presume it is the same with you. That petition comes before the lodge, which is made up of fellow members. How is it going to be dealt with? They will say, "We know it will hurt us; it is too close to us; it will make two weak lodges instead of one strong one, but the applicants are our friends and we do not want to offend them," so they vote in favor of it. The matter then goes to the D.D.G.M., and we find he is only human. He says, "The nearest lodge is in favor of this and I am not going to make myself unpopular." He recommends it also, and it goes to the Grand Master. The Grand Master should, perhaps, make a personal inspection, but does not. How will he get his report on it? The information should be placed in his hands as to its desirability, its proximity to other lodges, the conditions generally, the nationality and religious denominations of the people, the possibility of future success and so forth. If this information is in his hands, well and good; but I believe in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, it is not, with the result that in order no offence be

given, the Grand Master issues the dispensation. Then, sooner or later, we have one or both of these weak lodges in difficulties. My suggestion is, that a special committee, whose duty it will be to report on all these different things in connection with the application, be appointed, to present this information to the Grand Master, who will then exercise his prerogative and either grant the dispensation or refuse it.

When a new lodge is formed in a small place under present conditions, even if there is considerable available material, it is soon absorbed and a good financial condition is not likely to continue, with the result, that when financial difficulties appear and an application comes in, the members say, "Well, we need the money. We simply have to have it," and there is a general tendency to let down the bars and accept unfavorable and unsatisfactory material. There is no question as to the practice. I have seen it done. Only this week I received a notice and the notice stated that an applicant was 69 years of age. Brethren, if men have not sought Masonry before they reach that age, I question if you can do much with them. It is too late. (Hear, hear).

The next thing is in connection with Research work. We inaugurated Research Clubs throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. You understand the usual tendency is, in making reports, to unduly praise the work of the Grand Lodge Committees, and of course that applies to the local educational clubs, and in reading our Proceedings, you may possibly draw the conclusion, that we are having a little more success than we are.

There is no finer research work than in the study of Masonry. For whom? For Masonic students. If you form an Art Club, whom do you attract? Those who love art. If you form a Music Club, whom do you attract? Again those who love music. If you form a Research Club, whom should you attract. Men who love to study the psychology of life; but I question very much if you are going to attract the rank and file of Masons. After interviews with many men, Deputy District Grand Masters and Grand Masters, my opinion is, that our Research Clubs are not meeting with the approval and support of the rank and file of Masons.

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of addressing an educational and research club in Regina. They have over two thousand Masons there and at that meeting there were, possibly, sixty to seventy-five—the usual turn out. Who were they? The rank and file of Masons? No. More than ninety-five percent of those present were already Masonic students. They were not the brethren who really needed Masonic education, and the members we were trying to reach, when we inaugurated the system of research, were not there.

It is my opinion, that to a great extent, the study of symbolism is over the head of the average Masonic member. We accept candidates and give them three degrees, and nine out of ten of them have the idea that this constitutes Masonry. It does not. It is only a means to an end. It is only the method we have of admitting these candidates to membership; but it is not Masonry. Masonry consists of the practice of those lessons taught and not merely a knowledge of those lessons to the end of time. They may absorb them all and know more of symbolism than even the Masters do, and yet never be good Masons. For that reason, I say, we have not had the success which we looked for. There are other things that are possibly of more importance and of more interest to the rank and file than the study of so much symbolism. I am not knocking the study of symbolism in the Masonic lodge. It

is a splendid thing for a Mason to study, but it is useless to the one who has had no practical education along Masonic lines. Many of them think they have reached what they call the climax when they receive the third degree, but they are only then prepared to go out and become Masons in the true sense of the word, and if there are not committees of instruction, who will teach these new members what it all means, outside of the lodge room, I fail to see how any impression can be made, so far as research work is concerned.

We adopted the idea of District Meetings a great many years ago, and we emphasize one thing, and that is that the meeting belongs to the members of that district. They are given an opportunity to get together, voice their sentiments and assert their rights, whereas they would feel somewhat diffident in doing so at Grand Lodge. The average Mason feels somewhat adverse to seek information on the floor of Grand Lodge. Of necessity too, where much business has to be transacted, time is limited, and often matters are decided, without being clearly understood. For instance, the Grand Master's Address is handed over to a committee, possibly two or three weeks before it is given in Grand Lodge, and they have the opportunity to thoroughly analyse it. It is then delivered at Grand Lodge and the representatives, who have had no time at all to consider it, are asked to pass judgment upon it. I think they should be given more time to consider it, and the same with many other questions, which have been hastily adopted and afterwards found to be ignored by the lodges.

Just a final word, I fully appreciate the hearty welcome you have given us today. I believe it is a splendid thing to visit one another like this and exchange views. We are going home with a most pleasant recollection of our visit here and we hope to see some of you from the Grand Lodge of Alberta at our next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. (Prolonged Applause).

M. W. Brother H. H. WATSON, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, also responded as follows:

Brother Toastmaster, M. W. Grand Master:

I count it a high privilege on an occasion so fraught with interest to be included in your programme of this evening, but I want to ask you, Brother Chairman, for your protection tonight because I am not feeling at my best. I have been going pretty strong for the last nine or ten days, for I think out of nine nights, seven of them have been spent on sleeping cars and the other two we were celebrating large Masonic gatherings, so I am sure I have your sympathy. Knowing you, I am certain that you all feel for a brother in distress, (Laughter) so that you must not expect from me tonight anything of a profound or a deep discourse. My brain is not functioning properly. Anything which I say will simply be as light as the feathery down, that stuff from which dreams are made.

I would like to congratulate, at the very outset of my remarks, which I can promise you are to be very brief, the proposer of this toast on the eloquent way in which he put it over. I can only say to him if at any time he comes over to Vancouver we will take particular care to give him an opportunity of exercising his most delightful talent.

I congratulate too, those who have responded to this toast before me. I have gathered from the remarks of the Grand Master of Saskat-

chewan that he was perhaps not exactly quite satisfied with everything. He seemed to think there was something that the Mayor should come through with. (Laughter). Now I want to say to you, my brethren, that I have not the slightest complaint to make. (Laughter). There is one thing though about his Worship, the Mayor, he is going to send the Grand Master of Saskatchewan home in the best of health and full of good spirits. (Laughter).

Now, I would like to give you a message from Dr. Donald Kerr, the Grand Master of British Columbia. It is a message of profound regret that he is not able to attend here tonight at this very splendid function. He regards it as a very important thing that that fraternal and friendly feeling which has always existed between the Western Provinces should now be cemented more firmly than ever before. (Applause). That is the feeling which we have there and he said to me, "Whenever I have been over in Alberta or in Saskatchewan or in Manitoba, I have always found those fellows to be very splendid fellows, just the same as our own fellows. I do not know that I am away from home. We just seem to get together like the two parts of a Seidlitz Powder, with a sort of bubbling after-glow." (Laughter). Now, I suppose the Doctor said that because he was a Doctor, and I just want to ask you if you ever saw before anything like the number of doctors who are appearing on this programme?

Now I will get even with M. W. Bro. Rich, who is sitting over here laughing at me tonight because I have to do this, but I will get even with him later on, you will see. However, I will say this, he is a splendid travelling companion. We have had a splendid time for the last nine or ten days and the only thing we disagree about is in British Columbia, when we started there many years ago, there were five English lodges and four Scotch lodges. Bro. Rich represents the Grand Lodge of England and I represent the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Bro. Rich is always telling me what a splendid lodge the Grand Lodge of England is, with its four thousand lodges, its branches in every country of the Empire, its large membership and so forth and so forth and so forth and I respond by saying that after all Scotland is a happy place, that they have lodges all over the world, they have lodges in China and Japan and Java and Costa Rica and in Scotland and in many other places, and I wind up by telling him that after all everybody loves the Scotch, if there is not too much stout in it, (Laughter) and so we get on very well together.

Getting back to this thing about the Doctors, I do not know, but they seem to make splendid Masons. We have them out in our country too. We have had Grand Masters who were doctors and we have had other responsible positions held by doctors. I do not know whether it is because they have a pull or whether they have inside information, (Laughter) or what it is, but they seem to get there, and then we had Doctor Henderson this afternoon. I am sorry the Doctor is not here tonight. He is not a medical doctor. He is an L.L.D. or something of the kind with a long ring to it—Doctor of Divinity—and I notice that the Grand Master, when Dr. Henderson was going out after those few brief remarks of his, spoke very feelingly about his beautiful character. Well, all I want to say is, if that is the fact and if that is the standard by which you measure your Masons here, I wonder where I will get off at. (Laughter).

This is a very difficult position to fill tonight, but I want to tell you this, that between the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia there has always existed the most kindest of feelings and after all the Rocky Mountains have been more or less of

a barrier to us, but now-a-days with our social and our commercial and our brotherly relations, which are now so closely allied, I predict even much more friendly and much closer relations between Alberta and British Columbia than there ever has been before. (Applause). Communication each day is improving. Next summer we are simply going to pop over those mountains in an airship in a few hours. Then there will be no excuse indeed for anything but the closest relations between us. Even now there is one good brother in British Columbia. His name is W. J. Seed, and he belongs to some lodge here in Alberta. He is always telling us what a wonderful place Alberta is. He has already been a Master of a lodge in British Columbia and he is now the Secretary of the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence, which is a most important task, and he performs his duties in the finest way possible. Even now if you would ask him where does he live, while he would have to say "Vancouver", yet I can assure you that every time I talk to him his heart is right up here on the plains. He reminds me of that story of the Priest that told his class that he would give a shilling to the boy that would name the most famous man in the world. One little boy piped up and said Julius Caesar, but another little boy, who was a Jew, spoke up and said "St. Peter." The Priest came forward and gave him the shilling, but he said, "How does it come that one of your persuasion should say St. Peter?" "Oh, well," the little fellow said, "Deep down in my heart I knew it was Moses, but business is business." (Laughter).

I think you will agree with me that as time goes on it is becoming more and more difficult to make an acceptable speech, especially at a gathering of this kind. I noticed that his Worship, the Mayor,—I was reading in the paper some time ago—had coined an absolutely new one and I liked it very much. I think his Worship said that the success of a speech depended upon the bullability of the audience. (Laughter). I think that was typically Western and I have stored it away in my memory.

I read the other day that a distinguished speaker said that every speech had three distinct parts, the beginning, the middle and the ending, but just the same there are thousands and thousands of people who agree with me when I say that they have absolutely no use for the first two parts. (Laughter).

Just to show you what a difference it will make by saying the right word at the right time, I remember out there in British Columbia when I first went out more than forty years ago now, I remember passing through Calgary. There was a dust storm that day, (Laughter) and there was not very much to Calgary, but what a difference today and I want to congratulate you today, Mr. Mayor, on the splendid little city which you have. I think it is a beautiful western city and I enjoy myself every time I come here. It is splendid, but that is just in passing. I was going to tell you when I went out there, His Majesty had a naval station there and there were always ships there, and it was quite a common thing to have warships in Vancouver harbour. They came in from different nations. Of course now a war ship more or less in Vancouver Harbour is not noticed in the teeming tide of commerce, (Laughter), but in those days I can tell you they were quite a feature and every one of those war ships had on board a minstrel troupe or an amateur dramatic club or something of that kind, and many a good show I have seen the Blue Jackets put on. Well, there was one place they used to go up the Coast, I think it was around Comox, and when they got up there they found there was going to be a church service held and the Clergyman was sent on board to ask the Captain if he would send some of the men and the Captain said, "Certainly," if the men desired he

would see that they had the opportunity to do so. The men of course jumped at the chance. That was a big thing to be able to go ashore. They had a club on board and they were asked to take part in the programme and they decided to put on the heaviest thing they had. In the club they had one man who was very popular, but he could not remember his lines so they gave him a very small part. At a certain time he was to rush in and say, "I have killed the King." Well, the show went on swimmingly, until His Majesty himself was out on the platform holding forth, when this fellow, mistaking his cue, rushed out and said, "I have killed the King." His Majesty looked around at him in cold disdain and said, "Oh, you 'ave, 'ave you" (Laughter). "Yes!", he said. Then said His Majesty, "You blasted well have busted the whole show." (Laughter). That just shows you the trouble of saying the right word at the wrong time.

I would like now to just refer to something I should have said at first. I would like to congratulate you upon this splendid entertainment and to express my pleasure at the way I have been treated since I came to Calgary. Your Grand Secretary gave us a lunch, which was magnificent, lots of food and good quality and here we are having dinner tonight, all that the heart could desire. The worst part of this whole thing is when an old fellow gets along to my age and the doctor prescribes just certain things for you, you know we just have to eat some things and other things we have to pass to one side, but I have no complaint (Laughter). I used to do full justice in the old days, but, as I say, the worst part of it is that I have to pass up some of these delicacies. It reminds me of that old Spanish Proverb that "God gives man nuts when he has not any teeth to crack them." (Laughter).

I was very much stirred this afternoon by the M. W. Brother from Manitoba who gave that very eloquent address and that was something which the Masons can get their teeth into. You had something to bite on there. That was fine. The sort of thing I would like to give you myself if I were able. I was very much surprised to know that British Columbia had played no part at all in the history and the formation of this Grand Lodge. We have quite an interesting history in British Columbia. As I told you, there were four English lodges and five Scotch lodges and naturally there got to be a little feeling between them. The English Masons accused the Scotch Masons of accepting material which they had rejected and vice versa and things came to a pretty pass and they thought they would form a Grand Lodge in British Columbia. England wrote back to say that they could not conceive of anybody wishing to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of England and they feared if the Masons of British Columbia would attempt anything of that kind they would only make themselves ridiculous. They then wrote to Scotland and Scotland never replied at all. (Laughter). By and by we got going and we did form our Grand Lodge in 1871, but it was not until 1874 I think that the Grand Lodge of England recognized us and that only after all the Grand Lodges of the United States had recognized us. We got going along fine but it was not until years afterwards that Scotland acknowledged us and then, if you please, they tacked on two conditions to their acknowledging the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. One was that they should exercise jurisdiction over all Scotch Masons within the boundry of British Columbia, which nobody could quarrel with, and the other was that they should exercise jurisdiction over any lodges which might be under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. However, finally we got everything working smoothly until everything is lovely now today and has been for a good many years. I just speak of that in passing. I just remembered it this afternoon.

Now, I must not keep you longer, sir. You have been more than patient with me and I remember what the ancients used to say—we are all great believers in the ancients in Freemasonry—that wisdom consisted of ten points, that nine of them were silence and the tenth was brevity. I am afraid I have exceeded all of them, but just one more remark before I close. I want to congratulate you on this splendid meeting, to tell you how glad I am to be here on this historical occasion and on behalf of myself and of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, let me express the wish that the Grand Lodge of Alberta may live long to enjoy the corn of contentment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy. (Prolonged Applause).

“THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA”

Proposed by M. W. Brother Dr. R. S. THORNTON, P.G.M. of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba

R. W. Brother Toastmaster and Brethren:

I am in a little difficulty in connection with proposing this toast, because you see I belong to the Grand Lodge of Alberta myself. Through your kindness and courtesy you conferred on me the distinction of an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, which I very, very much appreciated. I always feel, when I come here, just as much at home as I do in the City of Winnipeg.

This afternoon, when I spoke of my previous visits to Alberta, away back at the beginning of the century, I did not mention that in the year 1902 the Grand Lodge of Manitoba held its annual communication in this city, and it was my privilege to preside as Grand Master at that meeting, while your distinguished brother and my very intimate friend, M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, was sitting as Senior Warden, and who, two years later, was elected Grand Master, when our annual communication was held in the City of Edmonton.

I have extremely happy recollections of my first visit to Calgary, when Bow River and Perfection Lodges entertained us in the old Victoria Hall, and in renewing acquaintance with many of the brethren this afternoon, I missed one brother, who happens to be absent from the city—Bro. George H. Webster. All the incidents of that visit are vividly impressed on my mind, and I remember Bro. Webster standing on a station truck, leading the singing of Auld Lang Syne, by a large body of the members, who had come to the train to see me off that night, and I would have liked to have met him again on this occasion.

I would like to express, speaking for the visitors who have come here with me, our appreciation of the very warm welcome and reception you have given us. I thought when I spoke this afternoon that nothing could have exceeded the cheery warmth of your reception, which I received on that, to me, memorable occasion many years ago, but I notice that just as the Grand Lodge of Alberta has prospered in numbers and in strength, so your vitality seems to be translated equally in the warmth of your reception of visitors.

Now I am just going to tell you a story for the sake of telling one. You see I am a Scotchman. I have to tell you that because otherwise you would not know it. (Laughter). But this Scotchman was not a Scotchman in the old country, he was in Ontario, in the early days,

when they didn't have much money and used to trade and barter for everything they wanted. The guid wife was darning Sandy's stockings and she broke the darning needle. So she said, "Sandy, you had better go down to the store and get me a package of darning needles." So Sandy took an egg, went down to the store and asked for an egg's worth of darning needles. He got a little package and traded in his egg. Then he said to the storekeeper, "You promised a treat to all the customers that deal in your store this week?" "Well, yes," the storekeeper said, "but you cannot expect much of a treat on buying a package of darning needles." "Oh, well, you see a customer is aye a customer. You canna dra' the line." So the storekeeper poured him out a thimble full of whiskey, but Sandy didn't reach for it. He said, "Do you no put some sugar in it?" "Oh, yes, I will put some in," said the storekeeper, but still Sandy did not drink, and the storekeeper said, "What are you waiting for?" "Well," said Sandy, "I would like an egg in it." (Laughter). So the storekeeper turned around and took the identical egg which Sandy had just traded in, and as he broke it on the side of the cup, and poured it into the whiskey, behold it was a double yolked egg, and as Sandy firmly gripped the glass, he said, "I am thinking, Mr. Storekeeper, that there is another egg's worth of darning needles coming to me." (Laughter).

I do not think, brethren, that there is any additional egg's worth of darning needles coming to any of your visitors. You have given us of your generosity, heaped up and running over, and we just wish to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for this very warm reception, and for the very happy experiences we have had on this most auspicious occasion.

Now I would ask all the brethren here, except the officers of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to rise and drink the toast of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. (Applause).

Response by M. W. Brother Dr. S. M. SNEDDEN, Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Toastmaster and Brethren:

First, I want to express my appreciation of the attendance here of our distinguished visitors, who have come to congratulate us on attaining our twenty-fifth birthday. It is also a great satisfaction to see the splendid response made by the members of this Grand Lodge, as shown by their presence here this afternoon and evening.

In replying to the toast I do not feel that this is the time or the occasion to give you anything of a detailed statement in connection with the work of Grand Lodge. However, there has been something said about symbolism and things of that nature in connection with Freemasonry, and I may say this, that so far as symbolism and antiquity of Freemasonry is concerned, it is both interesting and instructive and should not be neglected. So far as traditions are concerned, I do not worry. Our ancient brethren built firmly and well. They have handed down to us an institution that is worthy of our best efforts. I like to think of Freemasonry as having come out of the Reformation as from that men for the first time asserted themselves before their fellows and in the sight of their God, as entitled to freedom of thought and freedom in the exercise of their religious beliefs. It is true that Masonry is not a religion, but we are a deeply religious organization, Those who are admitted to Masonry should be men of sound judgment—

good men and true—and Masonry does attempt to make them better men, better citizens of the country, and every Mason can in some way contribute to the happiness and welfare of his fellow man, if he rightly understands the principles of the Order, so that I believe we can perpetuate the sentiments that came out of the Reformation in Masonry just as the religious organizations, which have sprung from that movement, do in their way.

We are meeting here today with distinguished representatives of the Grand Lodges east and west of us in fraternal fellowship. It impels me to think of the mighty influence these four Grand Lodges could exert, and more than that, the still greater influence that could be exerted by the Grand Lodges of the world in promoting and perpetuating international peace. I feel we should have a federation of Grand Lodges. It would work for the good of Freemasonry and for the salvation of the peoples of the world. Today a better spirit has been created within us, as we have gathered this afternoon and this evening with these M. W. Brethren from the other Grand Lodges. (Applause).

I esteem it a great privilege to be your Grand Master on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and my hope is that twenty-five years hence our successors of that day will approve of our work and express the same sentiments with which we regard the foundations laid by those skilled Craftsmen of twenty-five years ago. (Applause).

M. W. Brother H. E. RICH, P.G.M. of the
Grand Lodge of British Columbia

R. W. Brother Toastmaster and Brethren:

We have been told that I visited this jurisdiction on a former occasion. That was twenty years ago last June. I received then the same consideration from the members of Grand Lodge as I have today, and I left this jurisdiction, at that time, convinced that although your Grand Lodge was young, it would go on and prosper. My return after twenty years confirms that opinion, which was held not only by myself but by M. W. Bro. Bird, who accompanied me.

We have heard today some of the best Masonic addresses in my experience. We delight to talk of the past, but we in this young and vigorous jurisdiction, possibly delight more to revel in the bright sunshine of the future. Even so we must admit our great obligation to those who have gone before us, and that obligation will not be fully satisfied by simply saying, we are pleased to have the privilege of following in the footsteps of those who went before. We must practise the principles of Masonry in our every day lives, amongst our fellow men. We must remember our obligations and by so doing can make this a better and brighter place in which to live, and at the same time extend the cause of Freemasonry in which we have such pride.

Now brethren, you have been congratulated upon the work done during the past twenty-five years, and you fully deserve those congratulations. In Freemasonry, as in all other walks of life, effort is the great preserver. The man who ceases to put forth effort and energy immediately begins to deteriorate. His abilities and qualities immediately go down. It is the same with the building. Perhaps it is only completed and the workmen just gone away, but unless that building has extended to it the hand of man in his effort and in his energy

to perserve it, it will soon become dilapidated. Man must go on putting forth effort and energy, and I would say to each of you, members of Grand Lodge of Alberta, continue to put forth effort and energy and continue to follow in the foot steps of those who have gone before you, and who have given you this living heritage, which you have today.

I trust brethren, that I may again at some future date, visit this part of our grand Dominion of Canada. I know of no jurisdiction where one will be better treated.

I do not wish to keep you, but I would personally again thank you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the very fine reception you have tendered to M. W. Bro. Watson and myself, and I trust that the Grand Lodge of Alberta will continue to prosper from year to year. (Applause).

M. W. Brother W. B. TATE, P.G.M.,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I did not expect to be called on at this hour of the proceedings to say anything, but it gives me a very great deal of pleasure to rise and say how pleased I have been to be here today and take part in this 25th Anniversary celebration.

At this time my mind goes back to the old days when the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, composed not only of the Province of Manitoba but of the North West Territories as well, represented us, and when we used to journey yearly to Winnipeg to the Annual Communication of what was then our Grand Lodge, and to the pleasing memories of meeting with brethren from what is now this great Province of Alberta. It was in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba that I first met M. W. Bro. Hogbin, now a Past Grand Master of your Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was not formed until a year after the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Our 25th Anniversary takes place on the 9th of August of next year, but our growth and development has been along the same lines as that of Alberta. We have watched the development of your Grand Lodge with a great deal of interest, and we have enough pride in our superiority, (Laughter) to believe that we will build as you have built here. We realize, and I never realized as fully as I do today, how well the foundations of Masonry have been laid by your first Grand Master and those who have followed him, and I only hope that those who are active in Masonry today will build on those foundations a super structure that will be honorable to the builders.

Brethren, the future of Masonry in this Province, as the future of Masonry in Saskatchewan and all over the world, depends today upon the ideals, aims and vision of the individual members. If the ideals of the brethren are high, and if they have the vision that is worthy of our great institution, there will be no question as to the super structure that your Grand Master hopes will be erected on the foundations that have been so truly laid here in Alberta.

In our Province of Saskatchewan we have at the present time 199 lodges. We have no large lodges. Masonry is spread all over the province and I feel, that so far as our Grand Lodge is concerned, that Masonry is influencing and having a great effect upon the life of our

people. At one of our District Meetings this year I met the Master of one of the lodges in the district and he said to me, "I do not know Bro. Tate, whether you know it or not, but I am a Doukobor. I came into this country when I was very young. My parents were Doukobors," and he continued, "What I am today, to a great extent I owe to the influence of Masonry." He was one the best Masters in that district. The members of his lodge are proud of their Master and he is proud of his connection with Freemasonry and of what it has done for him. Now my ideal for Freemasonry in this western country is that it should be and must be a living influence, and I think that that is just one indication of the fact that Freemasonry is not falling down in her great task of moulding a Canadian citizenship, which will be of the very highest type. (Applause).

I do not feel that we can have, so long as we are assured of a fair success, too many lodges spreading the light of Freemasonry over these western plains. I am an optimist in that respect. I have every confidence that if the few who start a lodge will but live their Masonry in the community, the community will be the better for it and it will be better for this western country; that we should have a few lodges go dormant rather than that we should miss the opportunity of spreading the light of Freemasonry.

I rejoice in the success of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and I can assure you that we will take back to Saskatchewan the happiest memories of our visit to Calgary. (Applause).

R. W. Bro. J. Martland, Junior Grand Warden, then requested the brethren to join with him in the old time toast: "To all poor and distressed Masons, wheresoever they are scattered over the face of the earth and waters—wishing them a speedy relief from their sufferings and a safe return to their native land—should they desire it."

After the Junior Warden's Toast the proceedings of the evening were brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Grand Lodge is indebted to the following brethren for most acceptable vocal and instrumental numbers during the evening: Bros. Horace Reynolds and Albert Kent accompanied by Bro. F. B. Cooper and an orchestra composed of Bros. H. E. Pritchard, S. Robinson, A. Carter, J. Whiteoak, Geo. Smith, Fred Pearson, H. Hansen and S. Comba.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, on November 1st, A.D. 1930, A.L. 5930, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden	Grand Master
M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite	as Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. D. McIntosh	as Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. J. Martland	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins	as Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle	as Grand Chaplain
V. W. Bro. C. W. Boon	Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. J. F. Stevenson	as Junior Grand Deacon
R. W. Bro. R. B. McKenzie	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. H. H. McMordie	Grand Steward
R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. W. Horrocks	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. J. H. Leah	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. D. Dyer	as Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. Geo. Taylor	as Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2:30 o'clock p.m. by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, who announced that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Edmonton Masonic Temple.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 1st day of November, A.D. 1930, A.L. 5930, the twenty-first year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign,

GEORGE THE FIFTH

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the of British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, M.D., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Rt. Honorable Richard Bedford Bennett, D.C.L., L.L.D., being Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable John Edward Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship, James M. Douglas, being Mayor of the City of Edmonton.

M. W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Bro. George W. Kerby, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock, being Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Bro. John Martland, being Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Bro. Frank R. Falconer, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District.

R. W. Bro. Herbert P. Long, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District.

R. W. Bro. Farmer H. Steele, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE of THE EDMONTON MASONIC TEMPLE

was laid by M. W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of Edmonton and surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Addresses were delivered by the M. W. the Grand Master, His Honor, William Egbert, Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable J. E. Brownlee, Premier, Alderman J. T. J. Collisson, Acting Mayor, and others, following which the procession was reformed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twenty-sixth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 10th, A.D. 1931, A.L. 5931, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden (91), Edmonton...	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. George W. Kerby (83), Calgary....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Joseph V. Follett (28), Calgary.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Frank B. Falconer (71), Athabasca.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Duncan F. Chisholm (10), Lacombe.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. A. Scott Peebles (40), Granum.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas (4), Lethbridge.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. R. W. Harold Pinkney (86), Blairmore.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Alexander I. Millar (75), Sedgewick.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Herbert P. Long (24), Vermilion.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Farmer H. Steele (114), Edmonton.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Charles S. Spaulding (88), High Prairie.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Peter A. Davie (82), Youngstown.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Lynn Wilson (76), Bashaw.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones (144), Irma.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35), Medicine Hat, Sr.	Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. John Martland (63), Edmonton....	Junior Grand Warden
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary.....	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. John Thomson (68), Edson.....	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. C. B. Oakley (107), Elnora.....	Grand Chaplain
V. W. Bro. Charles W. Boon (91), Edmonton....	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Thomas D. Gold (118), Calgary....	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. George Merton Ball (27), Stettler.....	Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. William K. Ranton (148), Mayerthorpe....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. H. Herbert McMordie (81), Edmonton....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. William H. Scott (24), Vermilion.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Elmer Finkle (58), Cardston.....	Grand Pursuivant
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Mulga.....	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Edmonton
M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Calgary
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Edmonton
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary
M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary

M. W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28), Calgary
 M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), Edmonton
 M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26), Hillcrest
 M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), Edmonton
 M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), Cardston

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama.....	R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside.....	Calgary
Arizona.....	R. W. Bro. George W. Kerby.....	Calgary
British Columbia.....	M. W. Bro. J. W. H. S. Kemmis.....	Calgary
Connecticut.....	R. W. Bro. Charles V. Bennett.....	Edmonton
Cuba.....	R. W. Bro. David McIntosh.....	Edmonton
Delaware.....	R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock.....	Medicine Hat
England.....	M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite.....	Edmonton
Florida.....	V. W. Bro. Chas. W. Boon.....	Edmonton
Illinois.....	R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey.....	Edmonton
Indiana.....	W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg.....	Edmonton
Kansas.....	M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair.....	Calgary
Louisiana.....	R. W. Bro. F. E. Nichol.....	Killam
Maine.....	R. W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin.....	Edmonton
Massachusetts.....	M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton.....	Cardston
Mexico (York G.L.).....	M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank.....	Hillcrest
Minnesota.....	R. W. Bro. O. Rostrup.....	Cardston
Mississippi.....	R. W. Bro. Sam Harris.....	High Prairie
Montana.....	R. W. Bro. W. A. Braisher.....	Carbon
Nebraska.....	W. Bro. Frank Barnhouse.....	Edmonton
New Brunswick.....	W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod.....	Edmonton
New York.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. Rae.....	Edmonton
New Zealand.....	M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.....	Edmonton
Norway.....	R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps.....	Red Deer
Nova Scotia.....	R. W. Bro. John Gillespie.....	Calgary
Ohio.....	M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden.....	Ponoka
Oklahoma.....	W. Bro. G. S. Armstrong.....	Edmonton
Philippine Islands.....	M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood.....	Calgary
Quebec.....	R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes.....	Calgary
Queensland.....	R. W. Bro. Thomas Rankine.....	Calgary
Rhode Island.....	V. W. Bro. Marcus C. Wright.....	Edmonton
Saskatchewan.....	M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.....	Red Deer
South Australia.....	R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands.....	Edmonton
South Dakota.....	R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman.....	Edmonton
Tasmania.....	R. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs.....	Edmonton
Texas.....	M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid.....	Edmonton
Utah.....	M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop.....	Edmonton
Vermont.....	R. W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins.....	Edmonton
Western Australia.....	W. Bro. Wm. McNab.....	Edmonton
Wisconsin.....	M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher.....	Calgary

PAST MASTERS

R. W. Bro. John Gillespie.....	No.	1
W. Bro. F. J. Hand.....	"	1
V. W. Bro. Donald Hope.....	"	1
R. W. Bro. Thomas Rankine.....	"	1
W. Bro. D. S. Reid.....	"	2
R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams.....	"	2
W. Bro. J. S. Lambert.....	"	3
R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas.....	"	4
R. W. Bro. Robert Pearson.....	"	4
W. Bro. Robert P. Duke.....	"	5

M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.....	No.	6
W. Bro. F. Barnhouse.....	"	7
W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg.....	"	7
M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite.....	"	7
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OPENING

Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Bro. George W. Kerby, Deputy Grand Master, in DUE FORM and with solemn prayer at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

The Deputy Grand Master then requested the V. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies to repair to the apartment of the Grand Master and announce that Grand Lodge was prepared to receive him. The M. W. the Grand Master, escorted by the Past Grand Masters, then entered the Lodge Room, was received with Grand Honors and assumed the Chair.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST

The M. W. the Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M., to retire and introduce M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; who was received with Grand Honors and warmly welcomed by the Grand Master.

V. W. Bro. William Hart, P.P.A.G.D.C. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, England, being present was also welcomed by the Grand Master.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

R. W. Bro. George W. Kerby was directed by the M. W. the Grand Master to retire and introduce His Worship the Mayor of the City of Edmonton, Bro. J. M. Douglas, who formally welcomed the Grand Lodge of Alberta in the name of the city. His worship congratulated Grand Lodge on the large and representative gathering he saw present and expressed his appreciation of the magnificent building in which they were now meeting, and which had been made possible by the enterprise of the Masons of Edmonton.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Secretary, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, called the roll of Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, and the Representatives present extended fraternal greetings of their respective jurisdictions to the Grand Master. They were then welcomed with Grand Honors and the Grand Master expressed his pleasure in receiving greetings from so many Grand Jurisdictions on this the Twenty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and asked them to convey to their Grand Lodges his fraternal greetings.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-fifth Annual Communication, held at Jasper Park on June 11th and 12th, 1930, be amended by deleting the word "carried" at the end of line 30, page 134, and substituting therefor the word 'lost', and by adding thereto as line 31, the words 'and on the motion being put it also was declared lost', and that the said minutes as appearing in the printed Proceedings as hereby amended, be taken as read and confirmed."

Grand Master's Address

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

My Brethren:

It is with the sincerest fraternal greetings that I welcome you, my Brethren, to this your 26th Annual Communication. It is a pleasure indeed to welcome you to this city in which I had my home for so many years, but it is decidedly an added pleasure to be privileged to welcome you to this beautiful new Masonic Temple.

It requires no words of mine to assure you of the energy, enterprise and enthusiastic Masonic spirit of your brethren in this locality, and this building, I believe, is but an outward evidence of their inner spirit. May this building in its beauty of architectural design be a symbol of the beauty of character we are building in our members.

This fair city is materially enriched by such an addition to its many fine structures and, while this evidence of material prosperity is highly gratifying, let us remember that, unless the lives of the people are enriched and ennobled by a higher sense of duty and honour, by reason of contact with our members, we have failed in the mission whereunto we have been called. It is our duty to carefully select, square and properly prepare the living stones taken from the quarry of life, in order that they may properly fit into, elevate and enrich human society.

I appreciate very fully the honour you conferred upon me when you elected me last year to the highest office within the Craft. I said then that I recognized the responsibilities I was assuming as your Grand Master, and that I hoped the Great Architect of the Universe might give me such wisdom and proper humility as would enable me to fulfil the duties of the office truly and justly. I have been actuated by that spirit and intent throughout the year, and, while some of my decisions may have appeared to bear harshly, yet I constantly endeavoured to solve all the difficulties of the year in what I considered to be a true Masonic spirit.

NECROLOGY

Before proceeding with my address proper, I must ask you to pause and join with me that we may pay the tribute at least of reverence to those who can join our assemblies no more.

Each year we assemble around our sacred altar to give and receive an account of our stewardship, and to lay plans and draw the designs for the accomplishments of our tasks in the coming year, and we are startled by the openings in our ranks. We might think that some of our absent brethren had grown weary of their life's tasks and had dropped by the wayside, but thanks to our belief in the teaching of our Craft we believe they march on with that vast assembly who have gone before. They have but laid down their trestle board to take up their work upon far more beautiful and glorious designs than we yet know. We shall miss them from our assemblies, but let us not think of them in sorrow, but rather in gratitude that we were privileged to know them and call them brother. Great was the contribution some made to our Fraternity, and greatly shall we miss their presence and advice.

Death laid its hand heavily upon us during the year as 105 in our Grand Jurisdiction shall join our assemblies no more.

I think it only fitting that I should particularly mention the passing of M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor. I was present at the funeral service for both of these distinguished brethren, and the attendance of brother Masons, relatives and friends was quiet, yet sufficient evidence of the respect and esteem which was their portion in life. To M. W. Bro. Connacher, P.G.M., I want to express my appreciation for so graciously responding to my request in rendering the beautiful Masonic Burial Service on both occasions.

I requested M. W. Bro. Botterill and R. W. Bro. Cripps to prepare a memorial for M. W. Bro. Carruthers, and also requested M. W. Bro. Braithwaite and W. Bro. Barnhouse to prepare a memorial in honor of the memory of M. W. Bro. Taylor, both of which have been sent to all lodges in the jurisdiction.

Truly may it be said of these departed brothers that freely did they give of the best they had, and may the Great Architect in His infinite wisdom give them peace.

To all our brethren within our jurisdiction whose homes have been saddened by the passing of loved ones, we desire to express profoundest sympathy, and to other Grand Jurisdictions, whose ranks have been broken, as ours, we wish to extend the hand of sincerest fraternal sympathy.

Suitable reference and record will be made later in the proceedings in the "Report on Fraternal Dead", and I shall at this time simply ask you to bring to our altar a loving memory for all our departed brethren. I ask you to rise and stand for a moment in silent tribute.

In preparing my report for your consideration, I have endeavoured to have it as brief as possible, yet sufficiently comprehensive to give you a clear conception of Masonic activities during my term as your Grand Master.

I am happy to inform you that while rulings had to be made and minor difficulties had to be settled, yet throughout our jurisdiction there have been no contentions of a serious nature to mar our Masonic harmony.

In civil life we have passed through a trying year from the standpoint of economics but the condition is not peculiar to our Province. It is a world wide condition, and men of splendid mentality and training throughout the world are endeavouring to work out some solution of the problem.

The unsatisfactory conditions now obtaining would suggest that the wheels of commerce are badly out of gear and that the elements which appear to spell human progress are working at cross purposes. The great trouble, I believe, is our modern conception of the meaning of human progress and of the elemental values which are necessary to that end. Wants and desires have been magnified to almost completely obscure necessities. Aided and abetted by science, material development and progress have been simply astounding in recent years. Production and consumption have been in one mad contest. The producer by propaganda and high pressure salesmanship created the wants and desires in the public mind, which desires became dominant, taxed

in turn the producer's power to meet the demands, and the vicious whirling wheel acquired such momentum that it became an extravaganza. People are throwing into the discard potential values, in almost every aspect of our living, (automobiles, gramophones, radios and what not), far beyond our financial ability. It could have but one ending, and that is what we are experiencing. There is a limit to man's endurance, both physical and financial. It may vary as to time and peoples, but I think we have found ours, and I believe that is true of all peoples.

It is now going to require some thought, some patience and some suffering possibly to sanely re-adjust our selves and re-establish in the modern mind that there are values in life besides the possession of things, and is not that idea as old as the hills themselves.

Experimentation in government is one inevitable result. Experiments in religion and in social life and relations are likely, and indeed these could do with some re-adjusting, in order that they might be more useful to the welfare and happiness of human society.

Our Masonic organization is something, brethren, to which we are tied. Its principles of life have stood the test of centuries, so let us not lose sight of the fact that nothing can bring peace and happiness but the triumph of principles tried and proved in the crucible of time. Our membership has not increased during the year as much as in some years past, due no doubt to the economic conditions obtaining throughout the country, but let us remember, as true Masons, that it is not in numbers whereby we compute our strength and worth. Some members and even lodges appear to lose sight of that fact and there are circumstances in lodge management which would suggest too great a disposition to acquire members. Requests come for dispensations to receive applications from candidates who cannot comply with the constitutional requirements with respect to residence. I refused several such requests from lodges asking permission to receive applications from candidates from one and one half to three months' residence. I cannot understand how we can actually know that a candidate is proper Masonic material, or conscientiously vouch for the same on such short acquaintance. The brethren should remember that their local lodge members are not the only ones to be considered, and surely that might be sufficient to warrant care. A constituent lodge when it takes a member lays a definite responsibility upon the jurisdiction. This Grand Lodge and the Masons of this jurisdiction, by their act in receiving a member, are obligated to vouch for and assume Masonic responsibility for that brother in face of all Masonic jurisdictions throughout the world.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I was highly gratified with the spirit of optimism to be found amongst our brethren in the various parts of the jurisdiction when making our official visits to the District Meetings. These were, without doubt, splendid evidences of Masonic zeal. Accompanied by the Grand Secretary I was able to attend every District Meeting. The constituent lodges were invariably well represented and there was every evidence of a keen desire for Masonic knowledge of a general character and specific instruction in our rites and ceremonies. This brings to my mind that I believe some change is undoubtedly necessary in our present method of bringing proper advice and instruction, respecting Ritual, to those attending the district meetings. These meetings are essentially lodges of instruction and it seems to me that their

purpose is discounted and their usefulness minimized unless those attending have the opportunity of gaining instruction in either or both Rites. It is quite beside the mark to say that the "Work" is sufficiently clear and self-explanatory, in face of the fact that our brethren are requesting the instruction. I believe this Grand Lodge should consider this matter seriously, and ascertain if enabling machinery can be arranged whereby the quite evident wishes of so many of our brethren may be gratified.

Those who were present at our Annual Communication last year may recall the report of a special committee on "The Revision of the Work." The committee reported progress and recommended appointment of a new committee to bring in a report at this communication. In view of the rather momentous nature of this matter and that notices of motion were early presented respecting the Custodians, their duties, etc., after consideration with the chairman of the committee, I deemed it better to have no committee report, but await the result of these motions, which may change the whole aspect of the matter.

I may say that the work of such committee would have to do principally with the York Rite, and to my mind it is something that requires very careful consideration, in order that if, and when, alteration be made, the beauty and logical sequence of the Ritual be not lost. In the event that Grand Lodge should proceed in the matter, and that any revision, other than shortening the form for certain occasions, be contemplated, might I suggest collaboration with other Grand Jurisdictions in Canada in order that a happy uniformity of Ritual might be arranged.

CEREMONIAL FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS

At the communication last year the subject of a Ceremonial for opening and closing District Meetings was brought to the notice of Grand Lodge, but received too little attention. A suggested Ceremonial has been prepared by M. W. Bro. Mitchell (by request) and I believe a committee should be appointed to consider this submitted draft and bring in a recommendation for or against its adoption.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

In accordance with resolution adopted at the last Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, I appointed M. W. Bro. Reid, M. W. Bro. Cruickshank and M. W. Bro. Mitchell a committee of three to prepare and present a report at this meeting with respect to the date of the annual communication of Grand Lodge.

As our form for lodges making returns to Grand Lodge does not meet our present requirements, I appointed R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes a committee of one to investigate the forms in use by other jurisdictions and prepare a suggested form for use in our jurisdiction. I hope he may be able to submit same to this communication.

NEW LODGES

I granted a dispensation to the brethren resident at Vauxhall to form a lodge. It was instituted November 26th as Lucerne Lodge, U. D., by R. Wor. Bro. R. Douglas, and was placed in District No. 2.

I would like here to commend R. W. Bro. R. Douglas for his painstaking work in this connection, and also for the very valuable assistance he rendered in reviving Sharon Lodge, U.D.

I granted dispensation to brethren resident in and around Sexsmith to form a lodge and it was instituted on March 12th, 1931, by R. W. Bro. C. S. Spaulding, another D.D.G.M. who deserves special mention for his careful inspection and attention to all the details connected with the formation of a new lodge.

A request was presented for forms and necessary information for the forming of a lodge at Carseland, by a brother, who had just recently become a resident of the district. In view of the fact that a lodge in this vicinity could not maintain itself a few years ago and as I believed the applicant was not sufficiently acquainted with local conditions, and the locality not far removed from lodges in Calgary and Strathmore I advised reconsideration. I do not believe it would be in the best interests of the brethren in this locality, or of Freemasonry, to attempt, under present economic conditions, to form a lodge at this point.

An application was presented with respect to forming a lodge at Consort. This application, I may say, was presented last year and was refused. I went through a very considerable file of correspondence on the matter and had an interview with a deputation from the Consort brethren who are anxious to secure a dispensation. One objection would appear to be the nearness to Monitor Lodge, which is only eleven miles distant. I refused to grant the dispensation until such time as I might be able to personally inspect the locality. This I have been unable to find time to do, and regret very much that I must pass this matter on to my successor.

CONSTITUTIONS AND DEDICATIONS

Accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis, the Grand Secretary, I attended the district meeting on July 31st, 1930, for the Peace River district, and we had a splendid attendance of brethren.

I wish to state here that our trip into that part of the country was a delightful experience. The unfailing courtesy and hospitality of the brethren was remarkable. We are particularly indebted to R. W. Bro. Spaulding, the D.D.G.M. for District No. 13, who drove us through that vast territory, over splendid roads, taking us as far as Fort St. John, B.C. On our return we stopped at Hythe, which was then the end of the steel, where we inspected their new lodge building in the afternoon, and at a well attended meeting in the evening we duly constituted and consecrated their lodge on August 5th, 1930, and delivered the Charter to their keeping.

Whitecourt Lodge, having changed its place of meeting to new quarters, invited me to visit them and consecrate their new Lodge Room. On January 12th, accompanied by the D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Steele, and a number of brethren from Edmonton and surrounding country, I visited them and consecrated the Lodge Room and installed their officers.

COMMISSIONS

I issued the following commissions:

M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood to invest W. Bro. J. V. Follett as D.D.G.M. for District No. 1.

R. W. Bro. E. Mack to invest W. Bro. M. Matheson as D.D.G.M. for District No. 6.

R. W. Bro. Chas. Stewart to invest W. Bro. Peter Davie as D.D. G.M. for District No. 15.

R. W. Bro. J. V. Follett to invest W. Bro. T. D. Gold as Junior Grand Deacon.

Shortly after R. W. Bro. Matheson was invested as D.D.G.M. for District No. 6, it was necessary for him, by reason of ill health, to remove to the Coast with his family, and he requested leave to resign his position. Under the circumstances the resignation was accepted and the lodges of District No. 6 notified with the request that they nominate a brother as D.D.G.M. in his stead. Having received the nomination of W. Bro. A. Scott Peebles of Joppa Lodge, No. 40, Granum, I confirmed the nomination and duly invested him at the District Meeting held on October 17th, 1930, at Granum.

SHARON LODGE, U. D.

The report was presented at our Grand Lodge Communication last year that Sharon Lodge was not functioning satisfactorily. I had the circumstances thoroughly investigated and on recommendation I appointed W. Bro. J. J. Watson, a Past Master of Foremost Lodge, No. 103, as Master. I am informed that the lodge is now making satisfactory progress.

KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 110

I think that dealing with matters connected with this lodge was the most difficult and unpleasant duty of my year. The recommendation was made to Grand Lodge last year that the Grand Master should take cognizance of the condition of Kilwinning Lodge and endeavor to find a satisfactory and happy solution of their difficulties. The D.D.G.M. had urged strongly that some action should be taken.

I went into the matter early in my year, making several visits to the district, and found that conditions were most unsatisfactory. I hesitated to move the lodge by reason of the fact that I disliked very much to move to some distance what had been a Masonic home to a few members of long standing, residents in Minburn. I considered the question from every angle and decided that I must deal with the matter broadly, looking to what I considered would be the best for Masonry in the district and settle, if possible, any further unpleasant criticism and friction. I personally inspected the quarters available for lodge purposes in Innisfree and finding them suitable authorized the Grand Secretary to direct the D.D.G.M. to move Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110, from Minburn to Innisfree. The D.D.G.M. will make a report on the present condition of the lodge.

CERTIFICATES OF INCORPORATION

I issued certificates to three lodges permitting them to take advantage of the regulations for legal incorporation.

CHARTER SURRENDERED

Suffield Lodge, which had been laboring under adverse conditions for some time, due to members leaving the district, etc., finally found it impossible to carry on their lodge in a satisfactory manner and decided to surrender their charter. All books, records, etc., were turned over to the Grand Secretary on November 6th, 1930. The necessary cer-

tificates of standing were issued to those entitled to same and the charter number removed from our records.

The brethren, who have so manfully endeavoured to keep this lodge alive, I hope may soon affiliate with other lodges and so keep up their Masonic associations and zeal.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

It is my purpose to refer to a few dispensations, both granted and refused, that might have some particular interest. A list will appear in tabulated form in the Grand Secretary's Report.

Dispensation granted to Carbon Lodge, No. 107, to elect a new Senior Warden to replace Senior Warden who had resigned and moved to Montana.

Dispensation granted Edson Lodge, No. 68, to initiate a candidate with physical defect. Candidate had been balloted for and accepted and before he could be initiated had the misfortune to lose the thumb of the right hand. He is a railroad employee, and I was assured that it would in no way interfere with his earning a living.

Dispensation granted to Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154, to receive application from candidate with physical defect. Candidate had lost one foot at ankle about fifteen years ago, but was provided with a suitable substitute and could comply with all requirements of the Constitution, and being a citizen of excellent standing would not be likely to become a charge on the Fraternity.

Dispensation granted to Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, to receive application from candidate lacking the necessary term of residence by about one month. Candidate had been resident of the jurisdiction for years and of the particular locality for about five months.

Dispensation granted to Eureka Lodge, No. 10, to reballet in a case where a candidate was rejected, on the assurance of the Master, Secretary and D.D.G.M. that in their opinion a mistake had occurred and consequently injustice had been done.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

Dispensation refused to deal with application from a resident of British Columbia. Does his banking in Alberta, but receives mail and has been living and working in B.C.

Dispensation refused to confer first and second degrees at one and the same meeting, as I believed the brother could not be properly instructed nor would he bring credit to himself, his lodge or this Grand Lodge in foreign jurisdictions.

Refused permission to amend the standard by-laws to enable the lodge to call off during July and August. In this I was upholding a decision of my immediate predecessor, M. W. Bro. Middleton. May say, however, there is a question in my mind respecting this, as there is unquestionably a difference between ruling and what is rather common practice. Might I suggest that this matter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Refused dispensation to change a night of meeting to permit a Tennis Club to put on amateur theatrical entertainment in hall in

which meetings are held. Lodge room privilege is rented in community hall.

Refused dispensation for emergent meeting to confer the third degree in less time than constitutional requirement. The reason for request being that the regular night was to be Past Masters' Night and large amount of business to transact.

Refused dispensation to deal with application of candidate who did not have necessary residence qualification. May say that in this case name of applicant was shown on notice for meeting before request for dispensation reached the Grand Secretary's Office, and I refused request for three reasons, viz:

- (1) Application sent by Secretary at request of W. M. instead as result of vote of lodge.
- (2) Not sufficient residence.
- (3) Application was not signed by the applicant.

CONFIRMATION OF BY-LAWS

The usual requests for confirmation of amendments to lodge by-laws, either in whole or in part, were presented and duly attended to. They were concerned in greater part to changing night of meeting, increase of dues and fees, or, being obsolete, were being made to coincide with the Constitution. As these will be presented in tabulated form in the Grand Secretary's report, I need not particularize excepting perhaps in one case where a lodge had proposed to include in amendments to by-laws the following:

"If the Senior or Junior Warden moves or discontinues residence in district tributary to the lodge during year in office, he shall hand resignation to Secretary, and, in event of resignation not being received within thirty days, the Secretary shall write to Brother and request the same."

This I refused to confirm or approve, as I considered it contrary to Masonic jurisprudence and does not conform to Clause 148 of the Constitution.

I refused also to confirm in a number of cases, proposed amendments wherein it was stated that initiation fee would be some given amount, part of which would be used to purchase for the candidate a share or stock in a Masonic temple.

After the fee is received a lodge may decide what they wish to do with the money, but they cannot coerce the newly initiated brother to buy stock. Any action of his in that direction must be voluntary.

DECISIONS

Under this heading I may mention the question of attendance at Divine Service in regalia. Immediately after our last Annual Communication requests were presented, mostly written and one by deputation. I refused all these requests. Regardless of any opinion I may hold upon the subject, I based my decision upon two factors:

(1) M. W. Bro. Middleton ruled against the practice last year, in accordance with the wish of Grand Lodge.

(2) At the Annual Communication in Lethbridge in 1929 there was a recommendation of the Grand Master to the effect

"that lodges appearing in regalia to attend Divine Service should be discontinued."

No exception was taken to above recommendation by Committee on The Grand Master's Address, and Grand Lodge by resolution adopted the address, above-mentioned recommendation included. I take it, that was the will of Grand Lodge, and, while desultory discussion of the question took place last year, no resolution dealing with the question was adopted.

THE CHAIN PRAYER

The chain prayer has again appeared in our midst and some of our brethren have succumbed to the dire threats therein contained, and helped perpetuate the nuisance.

I cannot understand why men of the full age of 21 years and over and sound judgment should in this century, where we are sometimes inclined to speak of our advanced civilization, our education and general enlightenment, fall prey to such abominably silly superstitions. Of all the objectionable, unmasonic and cowardly creatures, I think the instigator of the "Chain Prayer" is amongst the worst, and perpetrating his scheme under hidden identity, he attempts to force his victims by threats of suggested calamity. I would ask all brethren to prove their Masonic courage and intelligence by throwing all such into the fire.

MASONIC PRIVILEGE

There is another matter which has been brought to my attention respecting which one hesitates to speak, yet in some localities I am led to believe there is a real abuse of Masonic privilege. I refer to Masons who are members in good standing in other jurisdictions, but, by reason of their being non-resident of their jurisdiction, are placed upon half dues by their lodges. Some have been resident in this Grand Jurisdiction for many years, yet do not affiliate. I know that many have good reason for their attitude, in that they do not wish to sever connection with their Mother Lodge. We have, no doubt, members in similar circumstances living in other Grand Jurisdictions. To my mind, however, it does not conduce to active Masonic life. In some localities these brethren avail themselves of most of the Masonic privileges appertaining to full membership, and while to a degree within their Masonic rights, still there is often an unkind inference.

I merely mention the matter here in order that Grand Lodge, if you deem it of sufficient importance, might endeavor to collaborate with other Grand Jurisdictions in order that some inter-jurisdictional arrangement might be established.

PUBLICITY

I received a request from a quasi-masonic organization for some information respecting Grand Lodge (names of officers and items of general interest) which they wished to print in a magazine that is published from time to time. I know it would be intended for Masons only, but I refused the giving out of any information whatsoever to any publication that was not under the supervision and control of the Officers of this Grand Lodge.

I believe it is not publicity we want, but rather information of an educative Masonic nature.

Another request came from the publishers of a new Masonic magazine published in Toronto—"The Freemason." They requested

names of secretaries of all the constituent lodges in order that they might be circularized. I refused to allow the information to be forwarded, as I believe that to be the general attitude of this Grand Lodge.

However, in this connection I wish to make comment to the effect that I believe that if we lack any one thing more than another, it is a good reliable Masonic publication. This magazine appears to be of good Masonic standard, and I think it might with proper support, be made a magazine worth while. It seems to be a difficult thing to establish a good magazine of this nature, and in order to do so it must have financial support. I cannot see why the Grand Lodges of Canada might not investigate carefully the nature and possibilities of such a publication, in order, if it is or can be made satisfactory, that they might collectively authorize its publication for the benefit of those who desire it.

RULINGS

Ruled that Senior Warden cannot confer degrees.

Ruled that a member of a lodge cannot be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings.

Question.—If a committee appointed on the application of a brother who has been suspended N.P.D., reports unfavourably, has the W. M. power to declare him rejected, or must it go to a vote of the lodge?

Answer.—The W. M. has not the right to declare him reinstated in event of a favourable report, nor, I take it, the right to declare him rejected on an unfavourable report.

The committee is expected to report on all circumstances relevant to the petition and petitioner, which is for guidance of the lodge in arriving at a decision, but lodge must make decision and by written ballot.

Question.—Notice of motion given for next regular meeting. In absence of brother at next regular meeting, may any other brother present motion?

Answer.—Yes, if he so wish.

Question.—In case brother, who gave notice of motion for next regular meeting, is absent and no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?

Answer.—No.—There is nothing to leave over.

Question.—Can matter be brought up again without notice of motion?

Answer.—No, if it is a matter requiring a notice of motion in the first place.

Question.—Has a Past Master who has been made a honorary member of his lodge the right to vote in lodge?

Answer.—Yes.

I gave the opinion that a brother so honoured by his lodge had a right to retain his rank and vote in his lodge.

The lodge conferred this mark of appreciation "honoris causa", and accepted services rendered as equivalent to future dues. The conferring of honorary membership does not necessarily confer rank, unless so stated. Neither, I take it, can it deprive.

Broadly speaking, I question the advisability of having honorary membership, but, if so, then I think the clause in our Constitution dealing with the matter requires some amendment to clarify the situation, in order that the very best and noblest intention may not create an unfair or unjust condition and misunderstanding.

Ruled that a lodge cannot receive an application and accept a candidate of foreign birth unless he is sufficiently conversant with our language to be able clearly to understand the nature and meaning of his undertaking.

A brother suspended N.P.D. appealed from his suspension to me, at the same time sending a copy of the by-laws of his lodge under which he was suspended, a clause of which reads:

"The annual dues of each member shall be \$10.00 and shall be due on the first day of January next after initiation or affiliation, and in every succeeding year. Provided that if such dues are not paid on or before the last day of March, after they become due, they shall be \$12.00."

Another clause states:

"In case the dues of a member remain unpaid until the day of the regular meeting in November next, after the same became due, it shall be the duty of the Secretary on that day to read out the name of such member in default after which special summons shall be sent, etc., following the usual procedure."

At the regular meeting in December the names of those so read out at the November meeting, and who had not answered the summons or paid their dues, were suspended N.P.D. In this case the names were not read out at the November meeting, but the suspension took place at the December meeting, according to custom.

I expressed the opinion that the first clause mentioned was pernicious in that it placed pecuniary punishment for non-payment of dues in a specified time, and that I believe is contrary to the genius of Freemasonry and exceeds the Constitution, Amendment to the by-laws was advisable.

Ruled that the suspension was irregular as the lodge had not complied with its own by-laws in reading out the names of those in arrears at the November meeting, and further that these brethren who were only liable for the dues of the current year were not yet twelve months in arrears at the December meeting and could not be suspended. Therefore the brethren suspended must be reinstated.

Regular meeting of lodge was cancelled by notice of the W. M. Candidate for the second degree was notified to this effect but did not receive message and presented himself on the evening. Without consulting the W. M. a number of the brethren decided to hold meeting and had a visiting Past Master confer the degree.

Ruled that the proceedings were irregular and ordered the lodge to confer the whole degree over again.

A rather unusual request came to me from the Grand Lodge of Utah, asking to have a Calgary lodge confer the three degrees on a candidate who had been balloted for and accepted in their jurisdiction. The candidate had been moved by his firm to Calgary before being initiated. I recognised that such procedure would be contrary to prac-

tice and Constitution in our jurisdiction. However, it was a request from a sister Grand Jurisdiction with whom we hold most friendly Masonic relations and in common courtesy I felt I must grant the request. I authorized a lodge in Calgary working in a similar Rite to that practised in Utah, upon proper indentification, to confer the degrees and forward any monies collected and details of degrees as conferred to the Grand Lodge of Utah for purposes of their records.

Ruled that candidate must receive the second and third degrees in the same Rite as his initiation. The reason, I think, ought to be obvious.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

This year being the 25th anniversary of our organization as a Grand Jurisdiction, it was deemed fitting that the occasion should not be allowed to pass without recognition in some manner.

I decided that as our Grand Lodge had been organized as such in Calgary 25 years ago, it was of first importance that we should hold our anniversary in that city and accordingly summoned a special communication of Grand Lodge to be held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on October 11th, 1931.

I at once appointed a committee to go into the details of arranging suitable recognition of the occasion.

The personnel of the committee was as follows:

R. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby, D. G. M., Chairman,
 M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor,
 M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood,
 M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid,
 R. W. Bro. J. Martland, J. G. W.,
 R. W. Bro. J. V. Follett, D. D. G. M. District No. 1.,
 R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland,
 R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes.,
 Bro. Geo. Moore, Secy., Masonic Temple, Calgary,
 M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary.

It is impossible for me to commend this committee too highly. Immediately after their appointment they went to work, with the result that when the date arrived, they presented to the brethren assembled, an afternoon and evening programme that would be difficult to equal, and which met, I believe, with the complete approbation of about 300 Masons who had come together from various districts of our Grand Jurisdiction.

One incident of our meeting in the afternoon was most inspiring to me when I had the very great privilege of inviting to our altar all brethren present who had been present at the first meeting of Grand Lodge 25 years ago.

The following brethren took their place and received the Grand Honors:

M. W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald, P. G. M.,
 M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P. G. M.,
 M. W. Bro. R. Patterson, P. G. M.,
 M. W. Bro. Sam Blair, P. G. M.,
 M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, P. G. M.,
 R. W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, P. J. G. W.,
 W. Bro. H. C. Wingate,
 W. Bro. George Hill.

The addresses were naturally reminiscent in nature and this is particularly true of the address of M. W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald, our first Grand Master. He took us back to the days before the formation of our Grand Lodge, and in an interesting story gave us some idea of the vicissitudes of Masonic life in the early days.

Following him, we were privileged to hear a splendid address from M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, who was with us as the representative of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba. His addresses are invariably optimistic, enthusiastic, inspiring and permeated throughout with a sincerity peculiar to the man. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has been gracious toward our jurisdiction ever since our formation as a Grand Lodge, and upon this occasion they made a particularly happy choice when they sent as their representative, M. W. Bro. Thornton, who has endeared himself to the Masons of this jurisdiction.

The evening banquet and entertainment hour was a most enjoyable occasion

We were happy as having as our guests M. W. Bro. Thornton from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; M. W. Bro. C. P. Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and M. W. Bro. J. S. Henderson, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. Harry H. Watson, P.G.M.; and M. W. Bro. H. E. Rich, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

All of these distinguished guests brought not only happy expressions of fraternal greetings and congratulations, but delivered eloquent and inspiring addresses.

While mentioning our distinguished guests from sister jurisdictions, I must not forget to mention that twelve Past Grand Masters of our own jurisdiction were present on the occasion, and with these I must mention one whom, while not a P.G.M., we are always delighted to welcome to our Masonic gatherings, I refer to R. W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, P. J. G. W. He is 84 years of age and, though his step may be slower and his eyes dimmer, yet the clasp of his hand and ready smile upon his face radiates the purest rays of kindness and brotherly love.

I believe, brethren, that our 25th Anniversary may well be set down in the history of our jurisdiction as one of its most happy and momentous occasions.

LAYING CORNER STONE

I received an invitation from the Executive Committee of the Central Masonic Temple Association, Edmonton, to be present in September at the turning of the first sod in preparation for the erection of their new Masonic Temple. I was very pleased indeed to accept the invitation and, with the many Masons and their friends assembled for the occasion, had the great pleasure of witnessing this interesting ceremony performed by M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite. As an added interest, I had the pleasure, on behalf of the Building Committee of presenting a beautifully engraved souvenir spade to M. W. Bro. Braithwaite as a memento of the occasion. This was followed by the presentation by M. W. Bro. Reid of the actual spade used in turning the first sod to R. W. Bro. Hubbard, Chairman of the Executive Committee. Work on excavation and foundation was immediately started and I was pleased to receive an invitation to lay the corner stone.

I summoned Grand Lodge for the occasion and it was most gratifying to note the meticulous care with which the details were arranged for such an assembly of the brethren. In the presence of a splendid gathering of Masons and their friends on November 1, 1930, the corner

stone of Edmonton's Central Masonic Temple was duly laid. We were honored on the occasion by the presence on the platform of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of the Province, Dr. Egbert; the Premier of the Province, the Hon. Mr. Brownlee; Mr. Collison representing the Mayor of the City of Edmonton, and a number of other distinguished friends and Masons.

At the conclusion of the ceremony I was made the recipient of an engraved silver trowel as a memento, something which I shall always cherish as a reminder of what was, I believe, one of the most important events in my year as Grand Master.

Today the Temple stands completed, due to the unquenchable enthusiasm and unremitting energy of the building executive and their friends whom nothing daunted. I have been asked to dedicate it now to Masonic use, and I assure you it is a pleasure to accede. Today I shall be happy to dedicate this beautiful building to the glory of God, and advancement of Freemasonry and the welfare and happiness of our people.

CHARGES

A charge of unmasonic conduct was laid against a brother and a commission requested.

It is an unpleasant duty to have to deal with these questions of discipline and I have endeavoured to impress upon the brethren that the constituent lodge should deal with its own offenders. Freemasonry is democratic in its organization, and judgment by one's fellows or peers is a logical and proper exercise of duty, and discharge of responsibility not only to the lodge but to society. However, in this case considerable feeling was being engendered, so I appointed a commission. The case was dealt with very fully and commission decided that offending brother must be reprimanded and that he make suitable apology to his lodge.

What purported to be a charge was presented, signed by three brethren, claiming undue influence and unmasonic conduct in matter of holding annual election of officers, and requesting an investigation. This was following election. The statement went on to say that they could not substantiate or prove the assertions, so I ordered the W. M. to proceed with installation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon recommendation of M. W. Bro. Henry T. Begg, of Prince Edward Island, I appointed W. Bro. Edward McKay, of Darnley, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Upon recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Norway, I appointed M. W. Bro. A. B. Laurantzon, of Oslo, Norway, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Norway.

Owing to the fact that M. W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher was obliged to resign his commission as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, because of his removal from the jurisdiction, on recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Manitoba, I appointed R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr, of Tweed Lodge, No. 113, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Upon recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master of Chili, I appointed Bro. Guillernis Larca Flores as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Chili.

Upon recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, I appointed M. W. Bro. Ernest Ph. Herivel,

of Puebla, Mexico, our Grand Representative near the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, I appointed R. W. Bro. Edwin A. Blodgett, of Springfield, Massachusetts, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

I recommended R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps, Red Deer, for commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Norway near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

I recommended M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton for commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts near the Grand Lodge of the Province of Alberta.

GENERAL

At the risk, brethren, of being tiresome, may I be permitted to make some retrospective comments based upon my year's experience.

The general financial condition of our Grand Lodge is sound, but so far as general account is concerned we have reached the point where more money is required to properly finance Grand Lodge. We are working under the same levy for general account as we were 25 years ago and, considering the phenomenal growth of our Grand Jurisdiction, this seems unreasonable. Every new lodge constituted and every district brought into being creates additional expense to carry and today it is costing us practically 80 cents per member to do business with a revenue of about 72 cents per member. To me it does not look like good business. I am hoping, therefore, that this Grand Lodge may soon take such action as will increase revenue to meet ordinary carrying expenditure.

Respecting benevolence, our finances are quite sufficient to meet present needs, for which congratulations are due our members. Just how long we shall be able to meet our obligations from interest account and direct contribution at present levy, thus leaving our Capital Account intact, is a question, in view of the fact that we are at present disbursing over \$1000.00 per month for benevolent purposes. Looking at this question broadly and keeping in mind our present annual disbursement, with economic conditions as they are, creating a possibility of our obligations being increased, I am led to the conclusion that greater care must be exercised in admitting members to the Craft.

As an organization, Freemasonry has no obligation to those outside the Craft, other than, of course, an obligation to moral and social rectitude, but we have a very definite obligation to our members. Consequently, I see no reason why a candidate's financial circumstances should not be fully investigated.

Freemasonry is not an insurance or benefit society as these are understood. It is not a necessity, but rather it is a luxury. Therefore, I believe that Grand Lodge, as the governing and directing body within the jurisdiction, might quite reasonably and justly, to protect our members, so direct that a candidate for membership must be able to give evidence, not only that joining fees shall be no hardship, but that he is able to fully provide for himself and has made reasonably suitable provision for those who may be dependent upon him.

In spite of these precautions, the unforeseen circumstances of misfortune and calamity incidental to life provide ample opportunity for the exercise of unstinted benevolence.

I am led to speak of this matter by reason of the generally increasing necessity for benevolence and by reason of certain concrete cases which have presented themselves to your Committee on Benevolence.

One case in particular invites attention, wherein your Committee had a communication from another jurisdiction, stating that one of our brethren was stranded in one of their cities and financial assistance was necessary to send him to relatives in the East. On investigation it was learned that the brother was over fifty years of age, had completed his M. M. degree about the middle of March and application for assistance was made April 24th.

If we are going to ask or expect our brethren to make contribution for benevolence, and there is no question as to the benevolent spirit amongst our members, still prudence is an essential mental quality, and, therefore, I see no reason why we should not exercise such care with respect to admission of members as will not unduly and imprudently increase our obligations in this respect. I know of no condition or circumstance in the life of any candidate respecting which we have not the right to reasonable knowledge, and I say this with respect to his financial ability to undertake the luxury, as well as to his ethics or morals.

With respect to our relationship with other jurisdictions there is every evidence of a growing desire to draw more closely the bonds of Masonic friendship. During the year I have been invited, as your Grand Master, by seven Grand Jurisdictions to visit them during their regular annual communication or for some special communication. I regret exceedingly that I found it impossible to accept any of these invitations, because if there is one aspect connected with our Freemasonry that appeals to me more than another, it is the developing of inter-provincial and international jurisdictional relationships. I would like to see the day when some association of Past Grand Masters might be formed, first within our own jurisdiction, with similar organizations in our sister jurisdictions and these in turn united as a federal body of consultative capacity. It is true this body could not possibly have judicial or legislative power. The very democratic nature of our organization forbids any such development, and separate jurisdictional autonomy is essential. Their function would necessarily be to act as a consultative and advisory body, from whom might come the authorization of Masonic literature and Masonic publications, and who might carefully direct Masonic policy and general trend of Masonic thought—their conclusions being the viewpoint of the collective thought of the separate jurisdictions. Thus we would arrive at a unity of thought, purpose and practice, which would severally tend to closer fraternal relations. As I see the things of life today, we are a lamentably dis-united organization, each jurisdiction a separate unit, without any collective influence whatsoever. Individualism as a theory of democracy is a failure unless that individualism be collectively effective when developed. It may then be made an influence in correcting bad habits or customs of civilization and in directing modern thought in such manner as will most largely conduce to the welfare of the people. This, I believe, applies to lodges and jurisdictions, as well as to individuals and what a quiet influence the Masonic organization might have if the idea were enlarged to international scope. What an effect we might have upon the physical economy of the world if our Freemasonry definitely established its thought toward directing the minds of peoples to peace and away from war as a means of settling international misunderstanding. War never settled anything, unless perhaps as to whom might happen to be in themselves or by acquisition, the stronger, but it has proven man as a selfish, brutish waster of his kind.

Do not think that I desire something of a spectacular nature to fire the souls of men and Masons, to bring Freemasonry into the limelight of politics, local or international, but there are questions which transcend the realms of politics, parochial, national and international,

which have to do with the verities of life and human relationships, that leave ample opportunity for the effective exercise of the best human impulses and desires of any organization amongst men. I know of no more effective answer and as reason for our existence as an organization and for seeking to perpetuate the principles for which Freemasonry stands, than that we should be able to create within the minds of our people the will to peace. Freemasonry then as a world wide organization living with and working toward this common purpose should make truly effective contribution toward the establishment of such peace and amity amongst nations, as civilization needs.

Patriotism, my Brethren, is one of man's noblest attributes—patriotism to our country and to our motherland is deeply engraved in the hearts of us all, and may I suggest the hope that in the future years we may see a larger patriotism, a patriotism upon which meridian lines, or endless miles of water, may not place their limitations. Patriotism to our Masonic ideal of brotherly love. It is not new and yet it is ever new in manifestation. It has brought men together for ages past in tribulations and sorrows. May it link them firmly in the bonds of peace.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation of our Grand Secretary, whose unfailing sense of humour, patience, kindness and tact make him invaluable to the Grand Master.

To the Officers of Grand Lodge and Past Grand Masters I wish to express my thanks and sincere appreciation of the willingness with which they responded to the calls upon their time and talents.

The year has been arduous but not without enjoyment. The contacts and association with my brethren have been the source of the greatest happiness. I suppose no Grand Master has ever passed the gavel of Masonic authority over to his successor with the feeling of complete satisfaction that he had accomplished the whole task he had set himself. I have, however, this personal satisfaction, that I gave the best I had in an endeavor to inculcate the highest ideals of service, to avoid the disfiguring characteristic of selfishness, to maintain the best traditions of our Order in highest splendour and to apply the principle of brotherly love to living.

Fraternally submitted,

S. M. SNEDDEN,
Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps (29), "That the Grand Master's Address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 p.m.

DEDICATION OF LODGE ROOM, CENTRAL MASONIC TEMPLE

During the recess, the Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge dedicated the Lodge Room in the new Masonic Temple, in conformity with the ancient usages and customs of the Craft.

First Day = = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3:15 o'clock p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. MacAdam (73), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), "That inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is now in session, a telegram of fraternal greetings be forwarded them."

Subsequently a wire was received from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba conveying fraternal greetings to this Grand Lodge.

Letters and telegrams were read from the following brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication and wishing Grand Lodge a most successful meeting: M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, Grand Treasurer; V. W. Bro. D. Patterson, G.D. of C.; R. W. Bro. R. C. Fitton, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts, P.G.S. and W. Bro. Wm. Betts.

A telegram was received from M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Montana, deeply regretting his inability to keep his engagement to deliver an address to this Grand Lodge, owing to unforeseen professional engagements, and extending his sincere wishes for a successful communication.

Telegrams extending fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting were received from the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Saskatchewan. The Grand Master directed that suitable replies be wired.

Letters were received inviting the Grand Master to attend their Annual Communication from the following Grand Lodges: Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; Grand Lodge of British Columbia; Grand Lodge of Montana and from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to attend the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its Annual Communication at the City of Regina.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), "That the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary attend the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Regina."

The Grand Master referred the other invitations to the incoming Grand Master for attention.

A letter was received expressing the sincere sympathy of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia with this Grand Lodge in the loss sustained by the death of M. W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor, P.G.M.

RESIGNATIONS

The Custodians of the Work, M. W. Bros. W. M. Connacher and J. H. W. S. Kemmis, tendered their resignations of these offices, in order that there might be free discussion of the motions of which notice has been given, by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. C. B. Oakley (107), "That the resignations of the Custodians of the Work be received and accepted."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), seconded by W. Bro. R. H. Ennismore (92), "That the District Deputy Grand Masters be requested to present short summaries of their reports, which shall be printed in full in the Annual Proceedings."

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 15th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

Herewith I have the honor of presenting for your consideration my report on the activities and condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District for the year beginning June 11th, 1930.

At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, my first official act was the investing of V. W. Bro. Thomas D. Gold of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, as Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, at a regular meeting of St. Mark's Lodge on September 8th, 1930. As this was the first office held in Grand Lodge by a member of St. Mark's it was a memorable and happy occasion in the history of that lodge.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple in Calgary on Saturday, November 22nd, 1930, and by the interest and attendance was apparently highly successful. The afternoon meeting was addressed by the M. W. the Grand Master and at the evening session R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock gave a masterly address on "Education," which will live long in the memory of all privileged to hear it. W. Bro. J. H. Ross of Crescent Lodge, No. 87 was elected to become my successor, subject to the approval of the Grand Master at Grand Lodge.

The Masters' and Wardens' Association of this district has continued active during the year, and among the many matters discussed, two require special mention. First was the idea of instituting a central employment bureau (referred from the Annual District Meeting). This was thought to be inadvisable on account of the small number to be served when compared with the cost of operating such a bureau. It was decided, however, that each lodge constitute itself a bureau for its own unemployed members. The results of this decision have been especially gratifying and very marked indeed in the cases of King George and Crescent Lodges.

The second matter was that of Masonic Funerals for brethren from other districts dying in Calgary. The custom has been for some relative of the deceased brother or some member of his lodge to request a particular lodge to perform this Masonic duty, and while it has always been willingly done, it has happened that some lodges are requested oftener than others, indeed one of the city lodges was asked to conduct a funeral on a Saturday and again on the following Monday. It was decided that the better plan would be for each lodge to accept this duty in rotation, the request to be made known either to the Grand Secretary or the District Deputy Grand Master.

I have visited each lodge in my district twice, officially, during my term of office and have found in all cases that harmony and goodwill prevail; that the lodges are active; that the officers, supported by the members, are keen and capable of exemplifying the Masonic ritual,

and that they exhibit a most friendly and courteous attitude towards the Grand Lodge through your official representative. Lodge records, including Historical Registers, are well kept and for the most part right up to date.

The average attendance during the year has shown an increase over previous years and makes one inclined to think that during times of financial and business depression men have their attention diverted to the worthwhile things of life, and find in their Masonic teachings and practices the mental stability and uplift that enables them to forget or minimize the mundane things and realize that "bread alone" is insufficient to meet man's greatest needs.

Each city lodge has devoted at least one night to a special occasion: Canadian Night, Burns' Night, Irish Night, Military Night, 100% Night, etc., and in each case the attendance was greatly increased and special addresses delivered by well versed members of the Fraternity or outstanding citizens. This is good evidence that members will attend if there is some feature of an instructive or educational nature, and this type of meeting is to be highly commended. Interest in these meetings was further enhanced by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master at a number of them.

During the year there have been many fraternal visits among the lodges. This is a feature that should be encouraged, especially between the urban and rural lodges.

That the past year has been a difficult financial one, due to the prevailing depression, is best shown by the large amount of outstanding dues. And yet three lodges report paying nothing during the year for relief, while one lodge paid as much as \$1,750.00.

My official visits were as follows:

	1930		1931
Bow River Lodge, No. 1	Nov. 19th	and	Feb. 18th
Cascade Lodge, No. 5	Sept. 13th	"	May 23rd
Perfection Lodge No. 9.	Nov. 4th	"	April 3rd
Calgary Lodge, No. 23.	Oct. 17th	"	Mar. 20th
Ashlar Lodge, No. 28	Oct. 23rd	"	Feb. 12th
Gleichen Lodge, No 36	Oct. 7th	"	May 5th
King Solomon Lodge, No. 41	Oct. 2nd	"	Feb. 26th
Strathmore Lodge No. 53.	Oct. 13th	"	April 6th
Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 54.	Nov. 25th	"	Mar. 10th
King George Lodge, No. 59.	Sept. 26th	"	Feb. 27th
Zetland Lodge, No. 83.	Oct. 16th	"	May 7th
Crescent Lodge, No. 87.	Oct. 28th	"	Mar. 24th
St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118	Oct. 27th	"	April 13th
Concord Lodge, No. 124.	Nov. 1st	"	Feb. 7th
Renfrew Lodge, No. 134.	Nov. 24th	"	April 27th

During these visits the first degree was conferred on nine occasions, the second degree on eight and the third degree on seven occasions.

My personal thanks are heartily expressed to the members of the Fraternity in this district for electing me to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master; to the M. W. the Grand Master for the privilege of being installed into office in my own lodge, Ashlar No. 28, by my good friend M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, at the first meeting after Grand Lodge's Annual Communication, at which I was unavoidably absent; and to my faithful and efficient Secretary, W. Bro. George F. Hall of Perfection Lodge, No. 9, for willing and painstaking services rendered me during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT,

D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Grassy Lake, June 5, 1931.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in District 2, during the past Masonic year.

During my term of office I have visited all the lodges in the district officially once, and Bow Island Lodge No. 64 and Lucerne Lodge U.D., on other occasions. It gives me great pleasure to report upon the healthy and prosperous condition of the Craft throughout the district. It has been my pleasure to witness degree work on most of my visits, and I wish to congratulate the officers of the several lodges on the efficient manner in which these degrees were conferred.

GRASSY LAKE LODGE, No. 57.

I made my official visit on September 11, 1930, to this my home lodge. No degree work was exemplified, but my regular attendance at meetings enables me to report the general efficiency of the officers and great interest taken in the lodge business. The books and records are kept in good order and the financial condition is sound.

QUARRY LODGE, No. 70.

On October 7th I visited this lodge officially, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The third degree was conferred on two candidates, the work being done in a very creditable manner. I wish to record a most pleasing incident which took place during the meeting, that of the presentation of an Honorary Membership Certificate to Bro. A. W. Woodcock, who is 84 years of age. The presentation was made by Bro. W. Henderson, Chaplain of the lodge, who is 92 years of age, and I believe one of the oldest Masons in the Province, if not in the Dominion. Bro. Henderson takes a very active part in the affairs of the lodge and I am informed very rarely misses a meeting, and is ever ready and willing to join with his brethren in their fraternal visits.

BASSANO LODGE, No. 55.

My official visit was made to this lodge on October 20th, an emergent meeting being called for the purpose. There was a splendid attendance of the brethren and I may say that Masonry is very much alive in this lodge. The third degree was conferred and the work showed a high standard of efficiency. The books are well kept and indicate a good financial condition.

BROOKS LODGE, No. 73.

I visited this lodge officially on October 21st, when the third degree was very impressively conferred on three candidates by R. W. Bro. C. C. Elliot and his officers. The books and records are in splendid shape and the lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

BOW ISLAND LODGE, No. 64.

I made my official visit to this lodge on November 4th. No degree work was exemplified, but the attendance was good, and I was well

satisfied with the efficiency of W. Bro. Stevens and his officers in the conduct of the business of the lodge. The books are well kept but show a large amount of outstanding dues. This matter being gone into very seriously by myself and the officers, I believe satisfactory results will be evident in the near future.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE, No. 2.

On March 10, 1931, I paid my official visit to this lodge, and there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The second degree was conferred on two candidates and the work, as well as the conduct of the business of the lodge, was worthy of the highest praise. The books are well kept and up to date in the able hands of R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams, Secretary, who is most efficient and energetic. This lodge is the strongest with regard to membership and finances in the district, and when contemplated improvements to their building are completed this spring, they will have one of the finest lodge rooms in the Province.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 35.

My official visit was made to this lodge on the 17th of March, 1931, and I had the pleasure of witnessing the exemplification of the work in the second degree. The regular business of the lodge and the degree work was very earnestly and efficiently carried out and the lodge is to be complimented on the high standing of its membership, the efficiency of its officers and its financial condition. All books and records are in the best of shape and well kept.

LUCERNE LODGE U. D.

On November 26, 1930, I accompanied R. W. Bro. R. Douglas, D.D.G.M. District No. 7, and a large number of brethren from Lethbridge, Taber and Grassy Lake Lodges to Vauxhall, Alberta, where Lucerne Lodge U. D. was duly instituted.

I again visited this lodge on March 7, 1931, officially, and was very well pleased with the efficient manner in which the work of the lodge was carried out. On May 5, 1931, I also paid this lodge a visit and am pleased to report that the officers show a very marked degree of efficiency in their work. Both officers and members are very enthusiastic, and there is a splendid co-operation throughout. The books are being well looked after and will be submitted to you within a very short time, and I am quite sure you will find them in excellent shape. I have much pleasure in recommending this lodge to your very earnest consideration with regard to issuing them a charter.

DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual District Meeting was held at Medicine Hat on October 14, 1930, lodge being opened by the officers of Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57, in the third degree at 2.30 o'clock p.m. R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Senior Grand Warden, and I were introduced and received with Grand Honors, after which I assumed the emblem of authority and proceeded with the carrying out of the business of the meeting. Owing to the unavoidable delay of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, it was suggested by R. W. Bro. Blackstock that the business of the meeting be proceeded with, and the reception of the Grand Lodge Officers be carried out on their arrival. A splendid address was given by Bro. (the Rev. Canon) Western on Masonry, which was very interesting and instructive, and greatly appreciated by all present.

Several questions pertaining to the work were asked and I believe satisfactorily answered. R. W. Bro. J. McCandie addressed the gathering, taking for his subject, "Inculcation and Practice of Masonic Principles," which address was immensely enjoyed.

The M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary having arrived, they were introduced, received with Grand Honors and very cordially welcomed to the meeting. Election of a D.D.G.M. for the year 1931-1932 was next called for, and on ballot being taken, W. Bro. E. L. Stone, of Quarry Lodge No. 70, was declared elected, subject to confirmation by the Grand Master. M. W. Bro. Snedden, on behalf of the various lodges in the district, then presented R. W. Bro. J. McCandie with a P.D.D.G.M. Jewel. Medicine Hat was unanimously chosen as the place of meeting for 1931. The M. W. the Grand Master then gave a short address before closing of the lodge and congratulated the brethren on the large attendance and the businesslike manner in which the business of the meeting had been carried out. Lodge was then closed by the officers of Quarry Lodge No. 70, in the third degree.

At 6.30 o'clock, a banquet was served in the basement of St. Barnabas Church, followed by a number of items of entertainment and addresses by M. W. Bro. Snedden and other Grand Lodge officers present, which were listened to with marked attention.

INSTALLATIONS.

I had the honor of acting as Installing Officer at Bow Island on the 27th of December, 1930, where Grassy Lake Lodge and Bow Island Lodge held a joint installation. In this very pleasant duty I was very ably assisted by W. Bro. Wm. Highland, of Bow Island Lodge, and W. Bro. Hugh J. Scott, of Grassy Lake Lodge.

SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 85.

I am very sorry to have to include in my report the surrender of the charter of Suffield Lodge, No. 85. The membership of this lodge, I am quite sure, have made valiant efforts to keep the lodge together, but owing to the removal of a very large percentage of the members to other districts, on account of succeeding crop failures, in that district, they have felt it impossible to carry on. This will not be a loss to Masonry for the members will without doubt affiliate with other lodges in the jurisdiction. Lucerne Lodge U. D. has recently been formed and quite a few of the members of Suffield Lodge have affiliated there. I have no doubt that this new lodge, being situated in a thriving and prosperous irrigated district will make for the success of masonry in the years to come.

Masonic District, No. 2, shows an increase in membership of 17 during the past year, and the financial standing of the lodges is good. Outstanding dues in some of the lodges are far from satisfactory, and I have laid considerable stress on the importance of greater efforts on the part of the officers being exercised in this respect, and more determined efforts being made toward the collection. Two of the lodges did not have Historical Registers up to date, but have promised to give the matter immediate attention. There is peace and harmony everywhere in the district and a strong fraternal feeling among the brethren.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the district for the high honor conferred on me in electing me to the office of District

Deputy Grand Master, and I trust my work with them throughout the past year has met with their approval, and that it has been as profitable to them as it most assuredly has been to me. I also wish to express my appreciation to those brethren who have so ably assisted me in my duties, and more especially W. Bro. Hugh J. Scott, who acted as District Secretary and who together with Bro. Thos. W. Snowdon accompanied me on my visits. I also wish to record my thanks for the courtesy and hospitality which I have received everywhere, and the kindness of the brethren in overlooking the failings and short comings I may possess.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. RAISBECK,
D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Athabasca, May 7th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

In compilation of my report covering the visitations made by myself to the various lodges in my district during my term of office, I feel that at the outset I should stress what to me has been the outstanding feature and one which has impressed me most, and that has been the manifest evidence of good fellowship and the apparent favorable conception of the true Masonic spirit.

The period of depression through which we are passing has, if my observations are correct, tended to bring about a better feeling of fraternal relationship than has been seen when the individual has been too busily concerned with his own affairs to give sympathetic attention to his fellow man. The general effect has been to increase attendance and bring about a better spirit of harmony and fellowship.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to witness the degree work in various lodges and while the work has been uniformly good I would suggest that in order to secure uniformity and compliance with the adopted ritual that Grand Lodge give serious consideration to the advisability of the appointment of competent instructors in both rites, whose duty it would be to visit every lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction at least once every three years, for the express purpose of holding Lodges of Instruction in all three degrees. One might reasonably assume that strict compliance with the ritual would obviate the necessity for the action recommended, but I have observed little innovations creeping in, which if allowed to continue, may in time have serious results as concerns the ancient landmarks of the Craft. Presuming to represent the average District Deputy, I would suggest that his intimate knowledge of Masonry is confined to the rite to which he belongs, which does not qualify him to instruct or criticise the other rite.

The District Meeting of Districts No. 3 and 12 was held jointly in the City of Edmonton on November 8th and was most successful in all respects. M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, were present and gave instructive and valuable talks to the brethren. Over 200 members

were present at this meeting and a very keen interest was shown in all the various items brought up for discussion. Much of the success was due to the splendid efforts of R. W. Bro. Sandilands and R. W. Bro. F. H. Steele, D.D.G.M. of District No. 12.

A review of the statistical features of the lodges in my district shows satisfactory progress is being made. There is a net increase in membership of 33, which in face of 29 suspensions for N.P.D. and 10 deaths illustrates the advancement made. It is also gratifying to note that no suspensions for causes other than N.P.D. were made during the year. The finances of the lodges are in a healthy state and show combined assets over liabilities in excess of \$60,000. I find that in all cases the lodge properties are well covered with insurance and am pleased to further state that almost without exception the books and records are well kept.

Tabulated below, are the dates on which I visited the various lodges, together with a short comment on conditions as I found them.

ST. ALBAN'S LODGE, No. 145
Official Visit, September 25th, 1930

This lodge is making splendid progress under difficult conditions, many of its members having to come 40 and 50 miles to attend lodge meetings. On the night of my visit four candidates were given the first degree. The books and records are in the hands of a very capable secretary and are well kept.

WASKATENAU LODGE, No. 154
Official Visit, September 25th, 1930

This lodge has perhaps the smallest membership of any lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta, having a total of only 15 at the time of my visit. However, better things are in prospect as applications are being received and with the splendid spirit of harmony which appears to prevail, we can look forward to the future with confidence.

TAWATINAW LODGE, No. 71
Official Visit, January 7th, 1931

It was indeed a pleasure to visit my own lodge, where I have so often received kindly and brotherly consideration. The lodge is making satisfactory progress and I am pleased to state that a splendid spirit of fraternal harmony prevails. My visit was on the first meeting of the newly elected officers and my congratulations are due them for the efficient way in which the business of the lodge was conducted. A very substantial reduction in the amount of outstanding dues is noted. I wish to tender my thanks to W. Bro. N. O. Jack, W. Bro. J. Shaw and Bro. J. Rennison, who accompanied me on my visits to St. Alban's and Waskatenau Lodges.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 81
Official Visit, February 14th, 1931

Under the capable direction of W. Bro. Chas. Dunkley, the first degree was conferred on two candidates in a very efficient manner. A good attendance of regular members together with a large number of visitors were noted. This lodge is in splendid condition and harmony prevails.

UNITY LODGE, No. 51
Official Visit, February 17th, 1931

The second degree was conferred on five candidates on the evening of my visit to this lodge and the officers are to be commended for their splendid work. The lodge has, I believe, the largest membership of any lodge in the jurisdiction and I am pleased to report that their records show an increased percentage in the matter of attendance.

EDMONTON LODGE, No. 7
Official Visit, February 24th, 1931

This lodge is very active and has a splendid set of officers, who have a proper conception of their duties as was exemplified in the second degree, which I was privileged to witness conferred on three candidates. A very good spirit is in evidence.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE, No. 34
Official Visit, April 7th, 1931

A very good attendance was present to greet me on the occasion of my visit and the first degree was exemplified for my benefit. The work was well done. An active Secretary has his books and records in first class shape. They have a splendid lodge room, well furnished and very well kept, and are to be congratulated on their home, which is their own.

MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 192
Official Visit, April 8th, 1931

This lodge is progressing favorably and seems to be keenly interested in all things relating to Masonry. No degree work was conferred. I was accompanied by W. Bros. L. M. Muir, F. Barnhouse and Chas. Haslip, all of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, and their presence was appreciated by the members of Meridian Lodge as well as by myself. Books and records are in good order.

WETASKIWIN LODGE, No. 15
Official Visit, April 15th, 1931

This was a most enjoyable visit. A good attendance was on hand and a splendid spirit shown. R. W. Bro. John Martland, J.G.W., was present and gave the lodge a very excellent illustrated lecture which was enjoyed by all. As on the previous visit, I had the pleasure of W. Bro. L. M. Muir's company. This lodge is fortunate in having the counsel of many eminent brethren from among their own ranks. Books and records are well kept.

EDSON LODGE, No. 68
Official Visit, April 16th, 1931

The attendance was not very good at this meeting, owing to other attractions and to the fact that my visit was unexpected. The second degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner. This lodge is in a very strong financial position, having some \$3,000.00 invested in bonds. Only \$56.00 is shown as arrears of dues, which is a percentage record not attained by any other lodge in my district. An efficient and capable Secretary is, I think, mainly responsible for this, as well as for a set of well kept books.

JASPER PARK LODGE, No. 143
Official Visit, April 17th, 1931

This lodge was unfortunately unable to meet with my wishes in arranging a special meeting for my convenience, so that I was unable to meet them in session. I did, however, meet the Master and Wardens together with the Secretary, and had an opportunity of examining the books, which I found to be in order. The lodge appears to be making satisfactory progress. I regret that I was unable to attend a meeting of this lodge, but to have visited it again would have necessitated a round trip mileage of over eight hundred miles and this I was unable to undertake.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the brethren of this district for the signal honor they conferred on me in selecting me as their District Deputy Grand Master and at the same time voice my regret at not having been able to devote the time that my inclination and desire prompted me to in the field of Masonic endeavor. Other duties and responsibilities, unforeseen at the time of my election to this office, have interfered with my hopes and ambitions in this direction.

A worthy successor in the person of W. Bro. Richard Thomson of Unity Lodge, No. 51, has been selected to carry on the work where I have left off and to him I offer my co-operation and sincere good wishes.

I wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the kindly and fraternal reception accorded me by all the lodges during my visits and I trust that their recollections of them are as pleasant and profitable as are mine.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

F. R. FALCONER,
D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lacombe, May 15th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1930-1931.

I wish first to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the brethren who in any way helped me in the discharge of my duties. Particularly do I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to V.W. Bro. Pryor of Carstairs Lodge, who so ably handled the business in connection with our District Meeting in the capacity of District Secretary.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of this district was held in the Parish Hall at Red Deer on Friday, November 14th, 1930. The meeting was opened at 2:00 p.m. by the officers of Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, and closed after the evening session by Eureka Lodge, No. 10, Lacombe.

The following Grand Lodge Officers were received, M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, P.G.M., and M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M.

The second degree was exemplified by Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, under the able direction of W. Bro. McKinnon. The work was well done and received some constructive criticism from M. W. Bro. Carruthers and W. Bro. W. J. Kirby. The Question Box was then opened, but only contained two questions which were satisfactorily answered by the Grand Lodge officers.

The several representatives of the various lodges were then called on to give a short account of the work of their respective lodges during the year. All the lodges with the exception of Crossfield Lodge were represented and gave a report of their activities, which showed that they were making progress even in the face of the depression, one lodge, Lochern, reporting that they did not have any arrears of dues.

At 5:30 p.m. labor was suspended and the brethren retired to the banquet room in the basement, where a splendid banquet was provided by a Ladies' organization of Red Deer. The Toast to the Ladies was proposed by M. W. Bro. Snedden and suitably responded to by R. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby. The brethren returned to the lodge room and resumed labor at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Eureka Lodge, No. 10.

Election of a D.D.G.M. for the year 1931-1932 was then proceeded with and resulted in V. W. Bro. A. Sayers of Britannia Lodge, No. 18, Ponoka, being elected, and Innisfail was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting.

At this time R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman was called to the East and was presented by the Grand Master with a handsome P.D.D.G.M. jewel as a token of appreciation from the Fourth Masonic District for his splendid work during his term of office.

Addresses by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Botterill, R. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby and M. W. Bro. Carruthers were enjoyed by all and the meeting was closed at 10:45 p.m.

VISITATIONS

The following are dates on which I made my official visits to the various lodges:

Eureka, No. 10—September 3rd, 1930.
Lochearn, No. 151—September 17th, 1930.
Kitchener, No. 95—October 3rd, 1930.
Britannia, No. 18—November 6th, 1930.
Innisfail, No. 8—November 20th, 1930.
Bowden, No. 42—December 2nd, 1930.
Kenilworth, No. 29—March 3rd, 1931.
Red Deer, No. 12—March 10th, 1931.
Mountain View, No. 16—March 27th, 1931.
King Hiram, No. 21—April 14th, 1931.
Crossfield, No. 48—April 28th, 1931.
Carstairs, No. 20—May 14th, 1931.

I had the pleasure of the company and support of M.W. Bro. Carruthers at almost all my visits up to the first of the year and our reception was most cordial on each occasion. On my visits during this year I was accompanied by various brethren from my own lodge and to them I am very grateful for the support they gave me.

I am pleased to be able to report that in all the lodges the books and records are in good condition and the particularly this year a marked increase of applications for membership are being received and work is being put on in all of the lodges.

At each of my visits I tried to impress on the Worshipful Master and Secretary the necessity of giving a great deal of attention to the collection of dues, pointing out the possibilities of losing members if they are allowed to get behind to the extent that the paying of arrears may seem a burden to the delinquent brother, and suggested a Dues Committee to act in conjunction with the Secretary to look after this important part of the lodge business. I believe that a committee of this kind, functioning properly, would soon put the finances of the lodges, who are suffering from large arrearages of dues, in a very much happier position financially.

Apart from a little trouble in one lodge, and which was satisfactorily adjusted I found a splendid spirit of harmony prevailing throughout the district and I am happy to say that all the lodges are served by very capable officers and that the prospects are bright for the future.

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I make mention of the loss of M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and R. W. Bro. Postill, who were called to the Grand Lodge above since the first of the year. R. W. Bro. Postill was a member of Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, and served this district as D.D.G.M. some years ago. M. W. Bro. Carruthers was a member of my own lodge, Eureka, No. 10. It is needless to say that the passing of these distinguished brethren leaves a vacancy that will be hard to fill in Masonic circles in this district.

This, M. W. Sir, concludes my report for District No. 4 and I trust that my humble efforts may have helped to promote the spirit of Masonry throughout the district, and I bespeak for my successor a continuance of the happy and pleasant associations I have experienced during my year of office.

Fraternally submitted,

D. F. CHISHOLM,

D.D.G.M., District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Sedgewick, May 15, 1931

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

For your consideration I beg to submit herewith the following report of the condition of Masonry, as I have found it, in the Fifth Masonic District during my term of office as District Deputy Grand Master.

DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual District Meeting was held at Sedgewick on October 23, 1930, the meeting being opened by the officers of Morning Star Lodge, No. 79. The District Deputy Grand Master having been

received and the Grand Honors given, he assumed the gavel. Visitors including those from other Grand Jurisdictions were received and welcomed. The meeting was favored by the attendance of M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, who were received with Grand Honors and escorted to the East. A welcome to Sedgewick of all visitors was extended by Bro. H. B. Hay, Mayor of the town.

Representatives of each lodge in the district reported on the condition of Masonry in their respective lodges, showing Masonry to be in a healthy state in the district. Questions in the question drawer were answered and produced a lively discussion on the advisability of the Custodian of the Work or some one representing him qualified and authorized, being present at all district meetings to answer questions regarding Work.

W. Bro. Anderson was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and the place chosen for the District Meeting of 1931 was Alliance.

During the intermission dinner was served by the ladies of the Sedgewick Chapter O.E.S. Then followed a program of speeches interspersed with musical numbers, which were well rendered and received.

At the evening session, able and instructive addresses on Masonic matters, delivered by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, were listened to with marked interest by the brethren. It was a disappointment to those present that M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M., whose name appeared on the program, was prevented from attending. The meeting was closed by the officers of Tuscan Lodge No. 43.

The large number of brethren present, the keen interest displayed in the proceedings and in all matters under discussion, were ample proof of the vital force of our Order in the district. A source of inspiration to carry on the successful work of the past was to be found in the good attendance of past D.D.G.M.'s. It was most gratifying to me that such a successful District Meeting should be held during my term of office. The committee of brethren of Harmony Lodge, No. 75, who made the arrangements on my behalf, contributed greatly to the success of the meeting, and to them I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

VISITATIONS.

I am glad to report I was able to officially visit each lodge in the district during the year. The following visits were made by me:

Comet Lodge, No. 50—December 11, 1930.
Morning Star Lodge, No. 79—December 19, 1930.
Efficiency Lodge, No. 141—February 2, 1931.
Melrose Lodge, No. 139—February 10, 1931.
Coal Lodge, No. 62—February 19, 1931.
Forestburg Lodge, No. 128—February 25, 1931.
Harmony Lodge, No. 75—March 2, 1931.
Tuscan Lodge, No. 43—April 1, 1931.
Camrose Lodge, No. 37—April 9, 1931.
Provost Lodge, No. 61—April 15, 1931.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 80—April 30, 1931.
Alliance Lodge, No. 135—May 6, 1931.

WORK.

Owing to economic conditions there is not much work. In only a few of the lodges, namely, Morning Star, No. 79, Efficiency, No. 141,

Tuscan, No. 43, and Alliance, No. 135, work was exemplified on my visits. Although I thought it desirable to make some criticisms, I found the officers of these lodges reasonably proficient.

At the request of the brethren of Morning Star Lodge, No. 79 on April 26, 1931, I assisted the brethren in the funeral rites of the late Bro. Thomas Gerrard, and conducted the services at the grave.

To keep the brethren active and interested when no work is to be done, I have made suggestions that addresses be given by the well informed; that discussion among the brethren on Masonic history, symbols, furniture, etc., would prove both educative and interesting; that an address prepared by a brother for the lodge could be given by him to the neighboring lodges also and that the mutual exchange would be for the benefit of all. I have pointed out the fraternal advantages of visitations of the brethren of one lodge with another. These problems have also been dealt with by others before me and are receiving the attention and careful consideration of the lodges.

ARREARS.

The amount outstanding and representing unpaid dues is fairly large in a number of lodges. In only one case, however, did I understand the brethren had any difficulty in financing the affairs of the lodge. In each lodge I stressed the necessity of getting dues paid up, and the difficulties arising from neglect in that respect. Each lodge is giving this matter attention. The financial condition of each brother in arrears is being considered. Suspensions have been made in some cases, but consideration is being given to those deserving special treatment. Reports given to me by the officers of the various lodges indicate the present financial depression is largely responsible for the large sums due and not carelessness on the part of the brethren or the officers of the lodge, and that better times would soon largely remedy the position. I have taken the view that needy cases should not be severely dealt with although every reasonable effort should be made to effect collection.

ATTENDANCE.

Although the attendance at meetings is not as good as it might be, the lodges are carrying on reasonably well. The impression I have received, however, is that when there is anything of interest on the program the brethren can be counted on to turn out in goodly numbers. The problem of attendance is, in my opinion, allied with those of retaining the interest of the brethren, unpaid dues and proper business-like conduct of the meetings. I have endeavored to keep these ideas before the lodges for their guidance.

FINANCE.

The financial position of the lodges appears sound. In each case the debts, if any existed, were comparatively small and all had some money on hand. The debt of Forestburg Lodge, No. 128, is almost entirely on the lodge building, which they own. In no case did I see there should be any difficulty in carrying on. Various questions on matters of the amount of annual dues, distinguishing between resident and non-resident members, collection of unpaid dues, etc., were asked. Naturally with the difficult times we are passing through the problem of finance is a serious one in some instances, but care is being exercised in expenditures and collections are receiving careful attention.

The property of each lodge is insured for reasonable amounts.

The records in all the lodges are being well kept. The Historical Registers, however, with one exception, are not up to date and I have requested that this be attended to with all convenient speed.

A pleasant feature of my visits has been to notice the number of visitors from outside lodges. The fraternal bond of Masonry proves of sufficient interest and strength that the brother who is travelling in foreign places finds pleasure in visits to other lodges and other jurisdictions. I have derived much pleasure from meeting on my visits quite a number of travelling brethren.

My sincere thanks are extended to all the brethren who travelled with me from time to time on my various visits. These brethren by their company and addresses have helped considerably to make my visits more interesting to the lodges visited and have lightened the duties devolving on me. It has been a pleasure to have had them associated with me. Wherever I have gone I have been received with every courtesy and kindness. I am deeply grateful to all the lodges in the district for the consideration extended to me at all times. My visits have had to be arranged to fit in with my other duties and may not always have suited the convenience of the lodges. It has been impressed upon me that the Masonic Fraternity of the district has among its members men of high ideals and of great merit and it has been an honor to meet and associate with such men. I am convinced Masonry is in a healthy condition. The Masonic Order of this district is and can be a powerful influence for good and I have urged the brethren to get more out of Masonry by putting more into it and not to lose sight of the ideal of working for the good of our fellows and the community in which we live.

Faternally submitted,

A. I. MILLAR,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Granum, May 9th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1930-1931.

It has been my privilege to visit officially all the lodges of this district and some I have visited two and three times. Throughout the entire district interest in Masonry is very keen. Intervisiting of the lodges is carried on a good deal, which creates a very friendly feeling among them.

Dues in arrears are comparatively small. Still I think some of the lodges carry their members too long before suspending them. The records in all the lodges are being well kept and all the Historical Registers, with the exception of one, are up to date. One pleasing feature noted is the loyalty of the Past Masters of all the lodges, evidenced by their regular attendance, their willingness to assist in the work when called upon, and by their advice in matters which come before the lodges.

NANTON LODGE, No. 17.

On March 20th, I paid an official visit to this the oldest lodge in the district. There was a good attendance and many visitors. The Master, assisted by W. Bro. Allen, conferred the first degree in a very impressive manner. The books are well kept and their prospects for the coming year are good.

CORNERSTONE LODGE, No. 19.

On November 27, 1930, I visited Cornerstone Lodge, this being the occasion of their Twenty-fifth Anniversary. This lodge has the honor of being the first lodge instituted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. During the evening addresses were given by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, and R. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby, also a history of the lodge by several of the members, after which a banquet was served. All who were present on this occasion will look back upon it as one of the finest evenings they ever spent.

I also visited this lodge on January 15th, and paid an official visit on March 19, 1931. The first degree was conferred on both occasions.

I was particularly well pleased with the work of this lodge. Their books are well kept and the lodge is in a very healthy condition.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 22.

I made my official visit to this lodge on February 17, 1931, when the second degree was conferred. The officers are well skilled in their work, the books are in good shape and prospects good. I intend to pay them another visit before my term of office expires.

STAVELY LODGE, No. 33.

On January 6, 1931, I visited this lodge to see the third degree conferred by the Master, assisted by W. Bro. Morland in a very creditable manner.

On March 3rd I paid them an official visit when there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors. R. W. Bro. Kerby was present on this occasion and gave a very inspiring address, which was enjoyed by all.

The books are in good shape and condition of the lodge good.

CAIRO LODGE, No. 32.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Cairo Lodge, assisted by R. W. Bro. Mack, on December 27, 1930, and on January 20th paid them an official visit. Their books are in excellent shape, and the condition of the lodge is good. I intend to again visit this lodge on the 19th instant. I have not yet witnessed the conferring of a degree, but feel sure they will do the work in an able manner.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 40.

I paid my official visit to Joppa Lodge on April 7th, 1931, and also had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge. There has been no degree work this year, but I know the officers are proficient in their work. The books are in good shape with the Historical Register up

to date. The lodge is in good condition, and the attendance speaks well for the members' interest in Masonry.

DISTRICT MEETING.

The District Meeting was held at Granum on October 17, 1930, and was well attended, as is usual in this district. Lodge was opened by the officers of Joppa Lodge, No. 40. After the reading of the minutes I was elected as D.D.G.M., and duly installed by the M. W. the Grand Master. Addresses were given by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. M. Sneddon, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and by R. W. Bro. Gillespie.

At 6.00 o'clock a banquet was served and on resuming labor, W. Bro. Dobson, of Cornerstone, Lodge, No. 19, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1931-32, and it was decided to hold the District Meeting in High River in 1931. The lodge was closed by the officers of Stavely Lodge, No. 33.

Masonry in the district is in a very healthy condition with a splendid outlook for the future.

It is with regret that I record the death of W. Bro. Thos. Andrews, of Penticton, B.C., who died in Vancouver on May 10, 1931. W. Bro. Andrews was the first Master of Joppa Lodge and a very enthusiastic Mason.

In closing, I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the brethren who elected me to office and for the kindness and consideration accorded me on all my visits, which has made my term a pleasant one. I hope for my successor a continuance of the happy conditions I have experienced. I wish to thank the brethren who accompanied me on my visits, especially R. W. Bro. McDiarmid and R. W. Bro. Braren, who were always willing to assist me in any way they could.

Fraternally submitted,

A. SCOTT PEEBLES,
D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC MEETING.

Lethbridge, May 14, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration, a report of Masonic District No. 7 for the year 1930-1931.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit officially all the lodges in the district and I have found harmony and progress in the Masonic Arts, also the business of the lodges well conducted and the books well kept. The degrees were exemplified with due regard to our ancient customs and usages. The attendance of the members on all my visits to the several lodges was most gratifying and the assistance of the P.D.D.G.M., Past Masters, Officers and members of District No. 7 on all occasions was deeply appreciated.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 4.

My official visit to this lodge was on the night of their regular meeting, February 9, 1931. I have the honor to be a Past Master of this lodge and on this occasion I was greeted by the Master, officers and brethren in a very cordial manner. The usual lodge business being transacted I read a paper on the "Three Great Lights," which was well received by the brethren.

This lodge is in an excellent condition and prosperous, the degrees are well conferred and a high Masonic standard is maintained.

DORIC LODGE, No. 31.

I paid my official visit to this lodge on November 11, 1930, being accompanied by W. Bro. H. C. Graham, of York Lodge, No. 119. There was no degree work, this being the night of their regular meeting and the usual business was transacted. The books are kept in excellent condition by the Secretary, W. Bro. Howell Jones, and the lodge is in an active condition.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE No. 39.

I visited this lodge officially on December 18, 1930, it being the night of election of officers. The W. M. of this lodge, W. Bro. Russ, rules his lodge and conducts its business in a clever manner. The Past Masters attend very regularly and the members give the very best support to the Master and officers. The condition of the lodge is excellent in every way.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE, No. 65.

On June 24, 1930, I visited this lodge and installed the officers at a joint installation of Diamond City Lodge, No. 65, Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, and Cresset Lodge, No. 136. I was assisted by the following brethren: R. W. Bros. D. McMillan and H. B. Fuller and W. Bro. John James.

I made an official visit to this lodge on October 6, 1930, and found everything in a very satisfactory condition. Socially, this is one of the outstanding lodges in District No. 7, and a great lodge for visiting and being visited. I have attended nearly all of their meetings and have been accompanied by a great number of the brethren from the Lethbridge Lodges and Sharon Lodge U. D.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 67

I paid my official visit to this lodge on their "Past Masters' Night," February 10th, 1931, a regular meeting. After the business had been disposed of the Past Masters conferred the Past Masters' Degree, W. Bro. Albert Wright being acting Master. The degree was conferred in a very excellent manner, after which I read a paper on the "North East Corner," which was well received by the brethren. The books of this lodge are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. Barrett and the condition of the lodge is active and good.

VERDIGRIS LODGE, No. 100

My official visit was made on the night of their regular meeting of September 4th, 1930, when I was accompanied by W. Bro. D. Milne and Bros. Surerus and Cumming of Lethbridge. The first degree was conferred on two candidates in a very impressive manner. This lodge

is visited on many occasions by Brethren from the Grand Lodge of Montana. The lodge is in good condition, the books well kept and the members are considering building a hall in the near future.

FOREMOST LODGE, No. 103

Accompanied by W. Bros. Clendenning and Milne and Bro. Ridley, I paid my official visit to this lodge on August 6th, 1930, when the second degree was conferred. I again visited them on October 22nd when the third degree was conferred by the Master and officers of North Star Lodge, No. 4. The officers and members of Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, were also visitors on this occasion. This lodge is very active and progressive. They have a splendid set of officers and the members give them very good support.

YORK LODGE, No. 119

On November 4th, 1930, I paid my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by several of the P.D.D.G.M.'s. This being their regular meeting the usual business was transacted, after which there was a fourth degree and Bro. Reikie gave an address on his trip to the Holy Land, which was much enjoyed. This lodge is active in its work and very progressive.

MANYBERRIES LODGE, No. 133

I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 1st, 1930, and owing to the bad weather I had to travel by the Canadian Pacific Railway. All the train crew being members of the Craft, I had them attend the meeting. After the usual business had been completed, the first degree was conferred and I must compliment the Master and officers for the very able manner in which it was done. The books are in excellent condition and the lodge is active and strong financially.

SHARON LODGE, U. D.

By command of the M. W. the Grand Master, on July 14th, 1930, accompanied by M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, we investigated the conditions of this lodge, and after going into the matter thoroughly M. W. Bro. Jackson addressed the members, giving them good advice. We then retired and when we returned they had unanimously decided to have W. Bro. J. Watson as their Master. On July 30th, accompanied by several members of Diamond City Lodge, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master, I again set this lodge to work.

I have visited this lodge on nine occasions and have seen all the degrees conferred in a very excellent manner. There is an active interest taken by all the members with a true Masonic spirit. The members of Diamond City Lodge and the Lethbridge Lodges have taken great interest and have visited whenever possible.

In my decision to recommend that this lodge be granted its charter, I have considered its very excellent progress and also the approval of the Masters of the lodges who have accompanied me on these nine occasions. It therefore affords me great pleasure to recommend that Sharon Lodge be granted its charter.

• DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of District No. 7 was held in the Masonic Hall, Lethbridge, on October 15th, 1930. There were two sessions, one in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of York Lodge, No. 119,

and one in the evening in charge of Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39. M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary and R. W. Bro. Blackstock, S.G.W., and other Grand Lodge officers were present.

At the afternoon session the second degree was exemplified by York Lodge in a very impressive manner. At the evening session the Grand Master gave an address, which was very much enjoyed by the brethren. W. Bro. T. R. Davidson was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and Lethbridge was fixed as the place of meeting. R. W. Bro. R. H. Anderson was presented with a P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia by the M. W. the Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Anderson thanked the brethren in his usual manner. At this session there was a discussion on the wearing of regalia at church parade, and after a number of the brethren had stated their views the vote was taken and it was unanimously carried, that regalia should be worn. This ended the business of the day, after which a fourth degree was held, when R. W. Bro. Blackstock gave an address. This part of the evening was very much enjoyed by all.

During my term of office I am pleased to report that the four Lethbridge lodges, together with Diamond City Lodge, jointly stood the cost of furnishing two private rooms in the new addition of Galt Hospital, and I hope that this will be the forerunner for other districts to follow.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as D.D.G.M. of District No. 7, and I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to the brethren throughout the district for their splendid support and co-operation during my term of office. I also wish to thank the District Secretary, Bro. T. H. Edmunds, for his services on all occasions.

This, M. W. Sir, concludes my report, which I hope meets with your approval.

Faternally submitted,

R. DOUGLAS,

D.D.G.M., District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Blairmore, May 9th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It affords me great pleasure to submit the following report, on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District, during the past twelve months.

It has been an honor for me to act as the official representative of the M. W. the Grand Master in this district and I am most grateful to the brethren for the splendid support and co-operation they have given me during the entire year.

It has been my privilege to officially visit all the seven lodges and also have had the pleasure of visiting most of them informally on two or more occasions. On all my visits I have been accompanied by a

large number of the brethren of my mother lodge, Rocky Mountain, No. 86, and I would especially like to express my appreciation to R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, Jr., and W. Bros. S. McDowell, S. G. Bannan, E. A. Harper and Bros. R. Gray and G. Sangster.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Blairmore on Thursday, October 16th, 1930, with two very enjoyable sessions. The lodge was opened at 2:30 p.m. by the officers of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, and with W. Bro. E. A. Harper in the chair. After the reception of the Grand Lodge officers and the reading of the minutes of the previous District Meeting, the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. R. F. Barnes and the officers of Summit Lodge, No. 30. At 4:00 p.m., a most able address was delivered by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden. Following this, the W. M.'s reported on the condition of Masonry in their respective lodges. This concluded the business of the afternoon session and the brethren retired to the banquet room to enjoy a very fine dinner prepared by the ladies of Vimy Chapter, No. 53, O.E.S. Before returning to the Lodge Room, we also enjoyed a very eloquent address by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton.

At 8:15 p.m., upon resumption of labor, R. W. Bro. W. H. Geering was presented with a P.D.D.G.M.'s jewel by the M. W. the Grand Master. The evening session was well attended and all present were more than pleased with the excellent address of R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, S.G.W., which was the subject of many favorable comments. Quite a number of questions were placed in the Question Drawer by brethren seeking Masonic information, and I regret to report that some of these questions still remain unanswered, probably due to the absence of the Custodian of the Work. W. Bro. A. Swart, P.M. of Chinook Lodge, No. 47, was unanimously chosen as D.D.G.M. elect and Cowley was selected as the next place of meeting.

It is worthy of note that the following eminent brethren were present: M. W. Bros. S. M. Snedden, J. H. W. S. Kemmis, G. E. Cruickshank, S. H. Middleton, R. W. Bros. G. M. Blackstock, W. H. Chappell, J. A. Kerr, A. M. Densmore, A. M. Morrison, J. Lambert, J. Moreash, W. H. Geering, G. Pattinson, R. Crichton, A. Cameron and M. A. Murphy.

The meeting was closed in a very commendable manner by W. Bro. W. R. Brookes and the officers of Alberta Lodge, No. 3. It was very gratifying to see so many brethren from a distance at this communication, the brethren of Alberta Lodge, No. 3, having chartered a Greyhound bus for this occasion. There were also a number of brethren present from Elk River Lodge, No. 35, Fernie, B.C., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

ALBERTA LODGE, No. 3

I had the pleasure of officially visiting this lodge on September 17th, and was accompanied by twelve brethren from my own lodge. A number of brethren from District No. 7, including R. W. Bro. R. Douglas, D.D.G.M., were present at this meeting. The second degree was conferred on two candidates in a very impressive manner, W. Bro. W. R. Brookes and the other officers showing a splendid knowledge of the Work.

I again visited this lodge on April 15th, when the son of R. W. Bro. J. Lambert and the son of Bro. J. Swinarton, both highly esteemed

brethren of Alberta Lodge, were raised to the third degree. Both fathers were present on this occasion and it was a real treat to see a major portion of the work so ably done by M. W. Bro. R. Patterson. All the Chairs at this meeting were filled by Past Masters of the lodge. This lodge is a pillar of strength to the district and has given me splendid support throughout the year.

SPITZIE LODGE, No. 6

I officially visited this lodge at their regular meeting of February 3rd, 1931. This meeting was well attended and was very interesting largely due to a most able lecture given by R. W. Bro. W. H. Geering, P.D.D.G.M., on the subject of "The Tracing Board." The officers of the lodge conducted the business of the evening in an efficient manner. W. Bro. John Herron, the first W. M. of this lodge (in the year 1890) was present and still takes very keen interest in the activities of the lodge. It is my intention to again visit Spitzie before my term of office expires.

SENTINEL LODGE, No. 26

I attended a regular meeting of this lodge on October 1st, and spent a pleasant and profitable evening with the brethren.

On March 4th, 1931, I had the pleasure of visiting officially and a splendid meeting was held, although the attendance was not so large as expected. This lodge is in very good condition, the records being very well kept by V. W. Bro. H. O. Westrup. At the conclusion of the business we were treated to a "Jiggs" dinner, which was well prepared by W. Bros. F. Padgett and E. C. Costick.

SUMMIT LODGE, No. 30

I have had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at different times throughout the year, the first being on October 2nd, when I was invited to present certificates to Bros. Ford and Vincent and a Master Mason's apron to Bro. A. Jackson.

I paid an official visit on December 4th, the principal business of the evening being the election of officers and I took advantage of this opportunity to speak to them in regard to the duties devolving upon them. Upon examining the records, I found that no insurance was being carried on the paraphernalia, etc., and the Historical Register had not been written up to date. I brought these matters to the attention of the lodge and at a subsequent meeting found my suggestions had been followed.

On April 2nd, I again visited them, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree by W. Bro. A. Graham and the other officers of the lodge, who exemplified this degree in a very satisfactory manner. Summit has an able set of officers and should make satisfactory progress.

There appears to be a considerable number of unaffiliated brethren in this community.

CHINOOK LODGE, No. 47

My first visit to this lodge was on October 6th, when the third degree was conferred. The exemplification of the Work was not up to the standard expected, however, some of the officers are at a disadvantage, having to travel from fifteen to thirty miles to attend degree practices and communications.

On March 2nd, accompanied by Bro. E. Donkin of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26, and several brethren from Rocky Mountain Lodge, I paid my official visit. Although this lodge has the smallest membership in the district, there is considerable enthusiasm shown by the brethren. They own their lodge hall, the furnishings being very attractive and are the result of voluntary labor by the brethren. The records are kept in good condition by R. W. Bro. Murphy, Secretary of the lodge.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 58

Upon being advised that the brethren of this lodge were to hold a Past Masters' Night on Armistice Day, November 11th, I considered this an opportune time for an official visit. Accompanied by W. Bro. S. McDowell (a P.M. of Chief Mountain Lodge and now a member of Rocky Mountain), and other brethren, I enjoyed a very fine meeting in a lodge hall that is unique in architecture and also one of the finest in the southern part of the province. Although not large in numbers, this lodge is making wonderful progress. On this occasion I was favorably impressed by the large attendance of resident members, there being no less than 90 per cent present. It was most pleasing to witness the manner in which M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton conferred the first degree. The lodge is to be congratulated in having such a capable Secretary as W. Bro. W. Betts, the books and records being all that could be desired.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 86

Needless to say I am very familiar with the activities of this lodge, having attended nearly every communication. My first pleasant duty was on July 21st, when I accepted the invitation of W. Bro. E. A. Harper to confer the third degree on my only brother and two other candidates.

The communication of November 24th will long remain a memorable one in the history of this lodge, which was a Past Masters' Night, the chairs being occupied by distinguished brethren of the district. The third degree was conferred on two brethren in a very impressive manner, the Master's Chair being occupied by R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell. At the request of the W. M., M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank presented Bro. W. A. Beebe, the Treasurer of the lodge since institution, with a suitable gift in recognition of having passed his sixtieth year as a member of the Craft. Bro. Beebe was raised in Portsmouth Lodge, No. 190, Bay City, Michigan, November 21st, 1870, and has resided in Blairmore since the early nineties.

I received a warm welcome on my official visit of March 9th. The attendance was good and routine business was conducted in a very efficient manner. Rocky Mountain Lodge have had a year of which they may be justly proud and prospects are bright for the future. The records are well kept by Bro. J. R. McLeod and the Historical Register is worthy of special mention. I am sorry to report that the arrears of dues are much too heavy, but action is being taken to remedy this at an early date.

INSTALLATIONS

At the request of R. W. Bro. M. A. Murphy of Chinook Lodge, No. 47, I had the pleasure of jointly installing the officers of Spitzie Lodge, No. 6, and Chinook Lodge, No. 47, on June 27th. This meeting was well attended, every lodge in the district being represented. On this occasion we were honored by the presence of three Past Grand Masters:

M. W. Bros. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, G. E. Cruickshank and S. H. Middleton.

For the convenience of the brethren, the installation of the officers of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26, Summit Lodge, No. 30, and Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, was deferred until January 5th, special dispensation being granted. This ceremony was performed at the hall of Summit Lodge, No. 30, Coleman. Being favored with good roads and fine weather the attendance was very large. At the conclusion of labor the brethren gathered around the banquet table to enjoy a fine supper prepared by the ladies of Minerva Chapter, O.E.S.

I am greatly indebted to M. W. Bro. Cruickshank and R. W. Bros. R. Crichton and W. H. Chappell for their assistance on both these occasions.

ATTENDANCE

Meetings in the majority of the lodges are fairly well attended, but in one or two lodges additional effort should be made to stimulate attendance. In some cases there is not sufficient intervisiting between lodges, which undoubtedly would materially assist in this connection.

ARREARS

The amount carried by some lodges is much too heavy. This district has a total membership of 466 and the outstanding dues amount to \$2,118.75 or \$4.54 per member. I consider this too high and drastic steps will have to be taken in some cases.

UNAFFILIATED MEMBERS

During my visits to the various lodges, I have come in contact with a considerable number of unaffiliated Masons who seem content to accept the hospitality of the lodges in their district without making any effort to become active members. I have suggested that committees be appointed with a view to improving the situation.

In conclusion, I wish to again express my sincere appreciation to the brethren for the splendid reception tendered me on my visits. I also wish to thank the Masters and Secretaries of all lodges for their courtesy and co-operation. I bespeak for my successor, W. Bro. Swart, a continuance of the support accorded me.

I trust that my efforts have been of some benefit to the district, which I have had the honor to represent and that I have assisted in some measure in making your year the success that it undoubtedly has been.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. HAROLD PINKNEY,
D.D.G.M., District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Monitor, May 11th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have pleasure in submitting herewith, my report as to my activities as D.D.G.M. of District No. 9, and an outline of the general condition of the lodges in this district.

Owing to sickness, I was unable to visit the lodges more than once and Donalda Lodge, No. 150, not at all. I regret this very much, as these meetings were a great inspiration to me and were, I hope, of some slight benefit to the brethren. I found in all my visits a spirit of brotherhood existed. The condition of Masonry in District No. 9 is very good, financially all lodges being in good shape, with the exception of Rising Sun Lodge, and I have no doubt that this lodge will finally surmount their difficulties as they have some very hard workers in their midst.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren of the district for the many acts of kindness which were shown me during my term of office.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting held at Big Valley on October 21st, 1930, was opened by Big Valley Lodge, No. 140. There were present 75 members and visitors. The D.D.G.M. was introduced by R. W. Bro. P. Lee and was received with Grand Honors, after which M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Carruthers and M. W. Bro. Kemmis, entered the lodge room and were received with Grand Honors. Reports were received from the different lodges and the first degree was exemplified by Apollo Lodge, No. 27, of Stettler, in an impressive manner. W. Bro. A. Moore of Beaver Lodge, No. 56, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and Stettler was chosen as the place of the next District Meeting. An acceptable banquet was served by the ladies of Big Valley. The meeting was closed by Donalda Lodge, No. 150.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 27

On December 1st, 1930, I officially visited Apollo Lodge, on the night of election of officers, and was cordially received. The routine business of the lodge was very efficiently conducted and I witnessed the conferring of the first degree. The officers are efficient, the books well kept and finances splendid.

IONIC LODGE, No. 45

I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on April 30th, 1931. Visitors were present from Bashaw, Stettler, Gadsby and Ponoka Lodges, and a very pleasant meeting was held. I was pleased to see the interest taken in the work of the lodge by the Past Masters present and the able manner in which they assisted the Master when called upon. Although the lodge has lost a good many members by the formation of new lodges close to them, a splendid spirit prevails, and I wish them every success.

BEAVER LODGE, No. 56

I paid my official visit to Beaver Lodge on December 3rd and was received with honors. Officers were elected for the coming year and it gave me much pleasure to see the number of young men who are holding office in this lodge. The first degree was exemplified in an able manner by the Master and officers. The pleasing part of this degree was that the father of the candidate was present. A fine spirit of brotherhood prevails and one cannot help but feel at home in this lodge. Books and finances are in good shape.

CORONATION LODGE, No. 72

On February 26th I visited Coronation Lodge, accompanied by three Past Masters and Bro. Edwards, all of Monitor, and was pleased to note the large attendance of forty-six. A candidate was examined as to his proficiency in the first degree and was given his second degree,

which was exemplified very creditably by W. Bro. Stevenson and his officers. Also two new members were received by affiliation. This lodge has a very fine lodge room and is noted for its hospitality. Books and finances are in good shape.

MONITOR LODGE, No. 120

I officially visited this, my home lodge, on May 7th and was received with honors. The second degree was conferred in a splendid manner by W. Bro. Larder and his officers. Thirty-five members and visitors were present. This lodge owns its lodge building free from debt and is in splendid financial condition. The books are kept in first class shape by Bro. Todd.

CLIVE LODGE, No. 121

I visited Clive Lodge on April 29th and was very cordially received. There being no degree work the evening was spent in general business. During the evening a motion was passed, changing the night of their meeting, so that it will be possible for them to visit other lodges. Although this lodge is very small and times are hard with them, they appreciate their charter and are looking for improvement. I would strongly recommend this lodge lowering initiation fee, which is at present \$60.00. Good work is being done by Bro. Scott, as Secretary.

RISING SUN LODGE, No. 122

My official visit was made to this lodge on March 4th, and I was received with honors. The attendance at the meeting was very good, in spite of the fact that it was a very stormy night and the roads were almost impassable for cars. The third degree was exemplified by the officers in a splendid manner. This lodge owns its lodge building and the books are kept in good shape by Bro. Dean. Although the finances of the lodge are not in the best of shape, I have no doubt they will be able to overcome their difficulties.

BIG VALLEY LODGE, No. 140

I visited this lodge officially on December 2nd and was very cordially received. No degree work was exemplified. The routine business of the lodge was efficiently conducted by W. Bro. Scott. This lodge is very fortunate in having in their midst W. Bro. Scott and W. Bro. Spencer, who are two good workers. After the business of the evening I spent a very pleasant time with these brothers, who seem to have the real spirit of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

A. GRACE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Vermilion, May 19th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I take pleasure in submitting herewith my report covering my visitations in the Tenth Masonic District. I may state that I appreciate very much the confidence reposed in me to fill the position as your

deputy. I trust that I have, in a small measure at least, come up to expectations.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 11

I visited Acacia Lodge on November 13th, 1930. It being the oldest lodge in the district, I considered it fitting to pay it my first official visit and I was very enthusiastically received. The lodge under the capable guidance of W. Bro. W. P. MacDonald is apparently maintaining its progressive spirit. I inspected the Secretary's books and found that W. Bro. Duncan is also a past master in secretarial work. On the completion of the work, the Edmonton Choral Society, under the expert baton of Madame Duggan, entertained the members in the banquet hall with a very fine programme, that was thoroughly enjoyed.

NORWOOD LODGE, NO. 90

On November 25th I visited Norwood Lodge and had the pleasure of being present at an Old Boys' reunion as it was Past Masters' Night, and the third degree was conferred. W. Bro. Sorenson and the lodge should feel inspired to greater activities knowing that the Masters of the past are still enthusiastic. I found the books in good order, the Historical Register being worthy of special mention for its neatness and completeness. Norwood Lodge is progressive.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 117

I visited this lodge on November 26th and was well received. From the number of third degrees conferred that evening, ten in all, I was under the impression that W. Bro. Deprose had been saving them up as a souvenir for my visit, but I was assured it was only a coincident. I congratulate the W. M. on having the honor of conferring the third degree upon his own son, an opportunity that comes to a very few Masters during their term of office. Dominion Lodge is friendly, wide awake and doing good work. The Secretary's books were found well kept.

VERMILION LODGE, No. 24

On March 3rd I visited my mother lodge, Vermilion, No. 24, and due homage was paid to your representative. W. Bro. McGee conferred the second degree in his usual quiet but impressive manner and was ably supported by his junior officers. The lodge is in good condition and the records in good order.

HOPE LODGE, No. 38

I paid my official visit to Hope Lodge at Mannville on March 30th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Scott, G.S., and several brethren from Vermilion. I was given a whole hearted welcome and was pleased to note the progress of the lodge. A large number were present. W. Bro. McKinnon and his officers were alert and active and showed signs of good leadership. I had not visited this lodge for a long time, although my nearest lodge, and as mentioned above its Masonic tone and the interest displayed exceeded my expectations. W. Bro Crooks is an efficient secretary and mentor.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 13

On March 31st I attended our second oldest lodge in the district, namely Victoria, No. 13, at Fort Saskatchewan and was heartily re-

ceived. This lodge, like its elder brother Acacia, No. 11, is truly one of the pioneers of Masonic thought and influence in the central part of our Grand Jurisdiction. It was a real pleasure to receive a welcome hand shake from its veteran member, W. Bro. Montgomery. There was no work on the agenda but nevertheless W. Bro. Graham gave the impression of being a good leader. Bro. Hughes of Edmonton was the speaker at the fourth degree. Bro. Carscadden, the Secretary, had his books in fine shape.

KITSCOTY LODGE, No. 131

I went down to Kitscoty on April 1st and was received with enthusiasm. This lodge has had a hard struggle but at present it is picking up and I am sure better days are ahead. Two applications were received on the night of my visit. W. Bro. Matheson possesses enthusiasm and very ably conferred the third degree. The books were in good order.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 25

On April 6th I was in attendance at St. John's Lodge at Vegreville, accompanied by W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison and several other brethren and was very pleased with the hearty welcome extended to your representative. This lodge is healthy and active which is verified by the large attendance, having the highest average attendance from its resident membership of any lodge in the district. The first degree was conferred in a very capable manner by W. Bro. Leach. Rev. Bro. Stone of Edmonton was the principal speaker for the social hour. His address was intensely interesting and instructive.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 110

I visited Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110, at Innisfree on April 20th. This lodge has been in a very indifferent state for some time and acting on your instructions I moved the lodge from Minburn to Innisfree last January and I am pleased to note a change for the better. Two candidates are going through at the present time, which I consider of very good material. W. Bro. Gore-Hickman and officers conferred the first degree in a very thorough manner and in this connection I must not overlook the lecture given by the Junior Warden, Bro. Dunsmore, which was delivered in a manner seldom excelled. The acting Secretary, W. Bro. Dickson, had the books in good shape. I was accompanied to Innisfree by V. W. Bro. Scott, G.S., and other brethren and was very pleased to greet several brethren from St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, on a fraternal visit. I am now hopeful for Kilwinning Lodge.

LAMONT LODGE, No. 94

I visited Lamont Lodge on May 4th and received a very hearty welcome from the time I stopped off the train until I left some six hours later. W. Bro. Harrison, P.M., was the chairman of the reception committee and he overlooked nothing, even going so far as to intimate to the clerk in the hotel that my money was not any good and in consequence I was unable to pay my hotel bill. I was royally received by the brethren at the lodge and W. Bro. Alton made me feel at home. There was no degree work on but the officers gave the impression of being competent. From a discussion that took place it was very evident that Masonry was endeavoring to fill its mission in the community and so long as this spirit prevails you may have no need to fear for the Craft at Lamont. The Secretary had his books in good shape.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 63

On May 18th I visited Empire Lodge, No. 63, at Edmonton. I left this lodge for the last of my visits, knowing that it was under the

watchful eye of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden. Needless to state that I was both loyally and royally received. This being the regular meeting night no degree work was on and in lieu of that it was Empire Night, it being the nearest meeting to Empire Day. The guest speaker for the evening was Bro. (The Hon.) J. E. Brownlee. I consider myself fortunate in being present to hear his able address. In my remarks to the lodge I congratulated Empire Lodge in having the Junior Grand Warden in the person of R. W. Bro. Martland to represent them in Grand Lodge. The books were well and neatly kept, the minute book being a model of perfection.

In addition to my duties as Deputy, I availed myself of the opportunity of attending the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Edmonton on behalf of the district.

A very largely attended District Meeting was held in Vegreville, and in this regard I feel that it is my duty to exhort the brethren to attend these meetings in still larger numbers and in order to make them a still greater success I would recommend to those in charge to concentrate on one degree (in both rites); the following year a different degree to be taken up, exemplified and discussed. At this point I would also remind the lodges of this district that the Grand Secretary stated that any question for the Question Drawer should be submitted to him during the year. These questions would be replied to in part by letter and a full explanation given at the annual District Meeting. The co-operation of the brethren is solicited.

In concluding I again take leave to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the district, and to thank the lodges for their many kindnesses.

During the year I stressed two points, the first being the application of our tenets and principles in our every day life. If we fail in this, we are not fulfilling our duty to the Order and thereby become only drift wood on the sea of life and dangerous both to ourselves as well as others. The other point I dealt with as fully as possible was the keeping of the Historical Register up to date. I found in most cases that this part of the clerical work of the lodges was most sadly neglected. This neglect, I feel sure, is due more to ignorance of its importance than to anything else. The real importance is not to this generation but to those who are to follow and it behooves us to leave a heritage that will be a blessing. I would ask that my successor take up the Historical Register question and stress it to the utmost so that when he reports in June, 1932, he can say all clear.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

H. P. LONG,

D.D.G.M., District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Blackie, May 22nd, 1931

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report of Masonry in District, No. 11 during my term of office, 1930-1931.

It gives me great pleasure to present this report because of the splendid condition of Masonry throughout District No. 11. It has

been my pleasure to be able to visit all the lodges once and some of them twice during my term of office. Masonic traditions are being upheld and a very friendly spirit exists among the lodges. This year shows an increase in membership. I have been particularly impressed with the work of the secretaries, the books and records being exceptionally well kept and I wish to take this opportunity of complimenting them on the same. I am also pleased to report that every lodge has a Benevolent Fund or sets aside a part of the General Fund for Benevolence.

On June 24th I attended a joint installation at Coalhurst of three lodges, viz., Robert Burns, No. 49; Cresset, No. 136, and Diamond City, No. 65. This meeting was well attended by the brethren from the lodges represented and the ceremony was very ably handled by R. W. Bro. R. Douglas, D.D.G.M. of District No. 7.

On July 14th I visited Cresset Lodge, No. 136, when the first degree was conferred in a very able manner by the Master.

The annual District Meeting was held at Granite Lodge, No. 127, on Saturday, October 18th. The attendance was very good and all lodges were well represented, with the exception of Nobleford, 81 signing the register.

The meeting was opened by the officers of Granite Lodge, No. 127, The M. W. the Grand Master was late owing to car trouble but the Grand Secretary was received and gave a very interesting address. On the arrival of the M. W. the Grand Master he was well received and with the Grand Secretary answered a number of questions. At 5:30 all adjourned for refreshments, served by the ladies of the members of Granite Lodge.

At the evening session a report from each lodge was called for. W. Bro. C. H. Messinger of Carmangay was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and Carmangay was selected as the next place of meeting. Lodge was closed by the officers of Cresset Lodge, No. 136.

On February 2nd I paid an official visit to Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49. There was no work but V. W. Bro. J. S. Stewart of Lethbridge gave a very interesting Masonic lecture, which was much enjoyed by the brethren.

On February 3rd I visited Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, officially. There are over one hundred members in this lodge, which is the largest in the district and with a number of Past Masters and three P.D.D.G.M.'s, is in a very prosperous condition. On this occasion a splendid address on Masonry was given by R. W. Bro. D. G. Carson. It is always a pleasure to visit this lodge as the members are very energetic and full of enthusiasm.

On February 4th I paid Granite Lodge, No. 127, an official visit, when the third degree was conferred in a very able manner by the Master. The attendance was good and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

On February 9th, I made my second official visit to Cresset Lodge, No. 136. There was no degree work but the business of the lodge was executed in a very capable manner. On this occasion I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. Welch with a P. M.'s Apron.

On February 12th, I visited Champion Lodge, No. 84. The meeting was well attended, two P.D.D.G.M.'s, R. W. Bro. Watkins and R. W. Bro. Orr being present.

On March 3rd, I visited Nobleford Lodge, No. 111, when the attendance was good. There has been no degree work for some time but the lodge is in good condition and a very friendly spirit exists.

On April 1st, I arranged to visit Pyramid Lodge, No. 108, with R. W. Bro. Carson, P.D.D.G.M., but owing to sickness I was unable to attend. R. W. Bro. Carson, however, accompanied by W. Bro. Buck were present, when R. W. Bro. Carson gave the brethren a lecture on Masonry, which was very much appreciated by the members of the lodge.

In company with Bro. H. Springer of Granite Lodge, I visited Pyramid Lodge, No. 108, on April 29th. Everything appears to be in good order and the condition of the lodge is good.

Speaking in a general way, Masonry in District No. 11 is in a flourishing condition and an increase in membership is shown. All lodges seem to be imbued with a spirit of thrift.

It has been a pleasure to serve as D.D.G.M. in District No. 11. and I wish to thank the brethren throughout the district for their very cordial reception in every case. I would also like to thank Bro. H. Andrews, who acted as Secretary at our district meeting, and also for me during my term of office, as I was compelled to be absent during the early part of the winter owing to sickness.

Fraternally submitted,

DANIEL McNIVEN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, April 25th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, my report as District Deputy Grand Master on Masonic conditions and progress in District No. 12, during my term of office, 1930-1931.

May I be permitted, M. W. Sir, to first express to you my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me in my election to an office in Grand Lodge, and to assure you that I shall ever strive to prove worthy of that honor. To my brethren who elected me to the position of District Deputy I also express my keen appreciation of the confidence they have placed in me and I take this opportunity of thanking them for the courtesy extended to me in every lodge and I have had the pleasure of visiting. To be your representative in District No. 12 has been a continued pleasure to me and I sincerely trust my efforts during the year have met with your approval and have been of assistance to the brethren.

During my term of office I have visited every lodge in my district at least once and everywhere I found a most fraternal spirit in evidence, the key note of each lodge being harmony and brotherly love.

DISTRICT MEETING

This year Districts No. 12 and No. 3 held a joint District Meeting in Patricia Hall, Edmonton, on November 8th, 1930. The lodge was opened at 2:30 p.m. by Strathcona Lodge, No. 77. The District Deputy Grand Masters were received with honors, the District Deputy of No. 12 taking the Chair. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers was then received with due honors.

The first business before the meeting was the presentation of reports by the Masters of the lodges of the combined districts. Both D.D.G.M.'s called upon the Masters of the various lodges for a report upon the general conditions of Masonry in the lodges. It was particularly gratifying to listen to the splendid reports and to feel that there was throughout both districts a spirit of earnest endeavor, a keen desire to advance the interests of Masonry and a sincere wish to make their lodges a real force for good in the community. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the interest shown by the Masters in the discussion of Masonic procedure and tradition. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary answered questions relating to the Work with their usual clearness and tact and were assisted by the District Deputies and other prominent Masons, the discussion proving most interesting and beneficial to all.

The election of D.D.G.M.'s for the ensuing term then took place, resulting in the election of W. Bro. R. Thomson for District No. 3, and R. W. Bro. R. Lyttle for District No. 12. Both elections were enthusiastically received by the members of both districts and there was every indication that the new D.D.G.M.'s would receive splendid support from their brethren. A very enjoyable banquet followed, presided over by R. W. Bro. Frank Falconer. Together with a splendid musical program there were addresses by the Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Lyttle. At this point I would like to refer to the splendid work done by the various secretaries in the district. I found that without exception these officers were doing particularly good work and rendering valuable aid to their lodge.

JASPER LODGE, No. 14

My visits to the various lodges of the district will ever be a source of pleasant memories to me and an inspiration in Masonic endeavor. My official visit to Jasper Lodge was made on January 26th, 1931. Jasper, No. 14, is one of the oldest lodges in the City and noted for its enthusiastic membership. Degree work, exemplified by W. Bro. Plowman and his officers was ably done and left a very favorable impression in my mind. The ritualistic work is excellent and the W. M. and his officers are to be highly commended upon their presentation of degrees. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, is an officer whom I may justly describe as invaluable to his lodge. His books and records are kept in truly excellent manner and the financial condition of the lodge is perhaps the highest tribute that could possibly be paid this brother. He obtains the co-operation of all the brethren and is an ideal secretary. My several visits to this lodge were most successful.

STRATHCONA LODGE, No. 77

Strathcona Lodge was visited on March 27th officially, as well as on several other occasions and I wish to compliment them on the excellence of their work. The Past Masters of this lodge are a tower of strength. M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, a member of Strathcona, is untiring in his efforts to make the work a success and promote the in-

terests of the lodge. W. Bro. H. Neal is an efficient secretary and I found a most friendly spirit prevalent. With a splendid set of officers and a united membership, this lodge is assured of continued success and a bright and prosperous future.

PATRICIA LODGE, No. 91

I visited Patricia Lodge on March 20th. This lodge has the largest membership in the district and owns its lodge room. I visited this lodge several times and witnessed degree work exemplified in a very pleasing manner by W. Bro. G. Avenell and his officers. The attendance at lodge meetings is good and the work of the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Hening, is excellent, as is also the lodge library.

SASKATCHEWAN LODGE, No. 92

Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, was visited on February 26th and also on other occasions. W. Bro. G. Plasteras and his officers conferred the degrees impressively and with strict regard to detail. This lodge is very active, the financial position good and the attendance of resident members is above the average. There are several tried and trusty brethren in the lodge, a beautiful spirit of friendship and brotherly love and harmony prevailing and one is always assured of a warm welcome. This lodge is very careful in selecting its candidates and endeavors to make real Masons of those they accept. I can conscientiously say that Masonry is steadily and favorably progressing in this lodge. The Books and records are carefully and accurately kept by Bro. W. G. Scott and reflect great credit upon this officer. I take this opportunity of wishing them every success.

WEST EDMONTON LODGE, No. 101

I officially visited this lodge on December 20th. The Master and his officers are well skilled in the work and confer degrees in a pleasing and impressive manner. The majority of the members are railway men and on the occasion of my visit I had the pleasure of receiving the Grand Master with Honors. The officers and members take a keen interest in their work and I found that the books and records were neatly and accurately kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. W. Mackenzie.

WESTLOCK LODGE, No. 114

Westlock Lodge was visited on a number of occasions during my term of office as this is my own lodge. I wish to express my appreciation of the interest taken by Strathcona Lodge in the progress and welfare of Westlock Lodge in the early days. No roads were too muddy or too long to drive to Westlock and assist in conferring degrees. I can testify with every feeling of pride and confidence, to the Masonic zeal of all the officers of Westlock Lodge, the earnestness and brotherly feeling and harmony existing amongst the members and I have no hesitation in stating that this condition, together with the excellence of the work done, the cordial Masonic welcome always extended to one and all, to which is always added the most liberal hospitality, will always assure a bright future and a large attendance at the lodge. Visiting brethren have always remarked upon the unbounded hospitality of Westlock Lodge and expressed their intention of making another fraternal visit upon the first opportunity. The Master, W. Bro. W. McCullough is efficient and painstaking and the Secretary, W. Bro. G. McTavish is also highly efficient in his work. The lodge maintains a benevolent fund, created from the membership dues. The new

Historical Register, that replaces the old one lost by fire, is a very beautiful work. The lodge is a credit to the members, the district and Grand Lodge and will, I am sure, always give a splendid account of itself.

PEMBINA LODGE, No. 126

I made my official visit to Pembina Lodge on April 16th, 1931, accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, R. W. Bro. J. McCreath, V. W. Bro. C. W. Boon, V. W. Bro. W. K. Ranton and many visitors from Mayerthorpe Lodge. The first degree was conferred in a very pleasing manner by W. Bro. H. Sides and his officers. I was very much impressed with the efficiency of the W. M. It had been intimated to me that this lodge was having a severe struggle to exist and I was agreeably surprised and delighted to find that this was not the case. This lodge owns its lodge premises and is now making real progress. The books and records are well kept by W. Bro. Dumbrell and the lodge is happy in having as its W. M. Bro. Sides, who has done much to put it on the road to success. I cannot conclude this report without expressing my sincere appreciation of the welcome extended to me by the Master and every member of the lodge.

ONOWAY LODGE, No. 138

I visited this lodge on August 6th, 1930. Onoway has a membership of 29 and some of the members live at considerable distance from the village. The financial condition of the lodge is good but the building in which the lodge is held is not attractive. While there is a limited field for Masonic membership I found a real spirit of Masonic friendship and harmony prevalent in the lodge. The Secretary is faithful and efficient and I have hopes that this lodge will eventually grow and prosper.

IVANHOE LODGE, No. 142

Ivanhoe took its origin from a conversation between the late M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor of Calgary and several brethren from Edmonton. At a meeting of Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Taylor, then Grand Master, had been discussing the question of affiliate members from Eastern Canada. He stated that Masons from the older Provinces often hesitated to make new Masonic affiliations, though now permanently settled in the West and that this reluctance was due to the fact that their enjoyment of Masonic work, fellowship and hospitality was mitigated by their inability to join a lodge, where the members enjoyed the same community of social and business interests, outside as well as inside the lodge, and where, in the lodge itself there was that atmosphere of formality and precision, to which they were so accustomed and which had become a vital part of their Masonic life. As a result of this conversation, Bros. McLeod, Wright, Sexsmith and McNabb undertook to form a lodge that would first of all consider the welfare and interests of the newcomer to our midst and endeavor to have him affiliate with this or some other Masonic lodge; that would emphasize formality and precision in lodge work in its broadest sense and would strive to make each meeting a truly Masonic and social gathering of Masons interested along mutual lines of endeavor. As D.D.G.M. of District No. 12, I was particularly interested in ascertaining just what measure of success Ivanhoe Lodge had achieved along these rather ambitious lines. My first visit to the lodge was on September 15th, when the Master, W. Bro. Herb Paterson, exemplified the first degree of Masonry. I would first like to comment upon Ivanhoe's activities in taking care of affiliate members. I found that since the inception

of the lodge in 1925 it has grown to a membership of 152 and of this number 100 were affiliates who had come to Ivanhoe from every part of Canada from Halifax to Vancouver.

It was a pleasure indeed to find that my welcome there was as warm and sincere as any that I have had the privilege of receiving in any lodge in the jurisdiction. You could not help feeling that you were among friends who were striving to do the work as well as they possibly could, who were genuinely glad to have their D.D.G.M. with them and who were anxious to extend every courtesy to all within their lodge.

The exemplification of degree work at Ivanhoe is particularly pleasing. W. Bro. Patterson and his successor, W. Bro. Madill, with their officers have set a new and higher standard of Masonic skill and workmanship. Their work and attention to detail made a lasting impression on my mind. I felt that every candidate, every member and every visitor was getting a clearer and nobler idea of Masonic work and tradition. The beauty and impressiveness of the work was greatly enhanced by the work of the choir. I wish to take this opportunity of complimenting their leader upon the excellence of the many choral selections rendered. V. W. Bro. Mark Wright, the genial Secretary of the lodge, reports no arrears of dues, which is a very graceful compliment to the Secretary. He is also responsible for the Historical Register of Ivanhoe, which is indeed a work of art. In conclusion, I wish to congratulate Ivanhoe upon its very splendid contribution of \$10,000 to the temple. For a young and numerically small lodge this is indeed a worthy contribution. I trust that Ivanhoe will persevere in its efforts to make further contributions to Masonry.

MAYERTHORPE LODGE, No. 148

I paid my official visit to Mayerthorpe Lodge on April 2nd, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. Gilfillan. The second degree was conferred by the Master and his officers and no criticism could possibly be offered. The hall is commodious and well furnished and a splendid spirit of fellowship and brotherly love exists among the brethren. V. W. Bro. W. K. Ranton is a member of this lodge and on a previous occasion I had the pleasure of taking part in the ceremony of institution on November 27th, 1926, along with R. W. Bro. Gilfillan and Bro. Dezall of Westlock. It is a pleasure indeed to be able to report that Mayerthorpe is now in excellent condition, its books and records well kept and in capable hands with the prospects for the future of the brightest.

WHITECOURT LODGE, No. 153

I visited Whitecourt Lodge on June 27th, 1930. The brethren were contemplating a move to a new hall and upon examination of the new premises I found that the change would be in the interests of the lodge and accordingly gave my approval.

I again visited this lodge on January 9th, 1931, accompanied by the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Lyttle, V. W. Bro. Boon, V. W. Bro. Ranton and many visitors from Mayerthorpe and Pembina Lodges. The consecration of the new hall and the installation of officers took place at this meeting, the ceremonies being performed by the M. W. the Grand Master. The new hall is commodious and well furnished and the rapid progress made in his lodge reflects great credit upon the Masonic spirit and enthusiasm of the members. The records are carefully kept and the financial position is good. Prospects for a continued period of successful effort are excellent.

EARL HAIG LODGE, No. 155

I visited this lodge on July 9th, 1930, when the Master and his officers exemplified the third degree. I again visited Earl Haig on December 27th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. C. Flavin, when we installed the officers of Westlock Lodge and Earl Haig Lodge at a joint meeting at Barrhead. This lodge is very fortunate in the attendance of its Past Masters, W. Bros. Charters and Thurston. The members themselves live up to this fine example and the visiting brethren are welcomed in a way that never fails to convince them that a truly Masonic spirit is the key note of this young lodge. A most enjoyable social evening was participated in by all present and I recall with the greatest pleasure my visits to this lodge. The work of the Secretary is good, the financial standing of the lodge excellent and everything points to a successful future.

In conclusion, I desire to again thank the officers and members of the various lodges in the district for their kindness and courtesy to me on my visits and particularly do I wish to express my thanks to R. W. Bro. Sandilands and V. W. Bro. Boon for their many kindnesses to me. The term of office has been one of inspiration to me and I trust of some benefit to the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. STEELE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

High Prairie, May 8th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Thirteenth Masonic District.

I was privileged to visit all the lodges in the district once, and most of the lodges twice during my term of office. It was also my privilege, and a very great pleasure, to institute a new lodge at Sexsmith, on March 10th, 1931. This lodge is starting off under very favorable conditions and I predict for them a very bright future. During my term of office I also had the pleasure of assisting the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge officers in constituting Hythe Lodge, No. 156, at Hythe, Alberta. On the whole, every lodge in the district appears to me to be active and should make suitable progress in the future and it is very gratifying to me to note the type of men the lodges are accepting as members.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting for the Thirteenth Masonic District was held in Peace River, Thursday, July 31st, 1930, when about 150 members were present from all the lodges in the district. The afternoon session was opened at 2:30 o'clock by the officers of Peace River and Northland Lodges and the D.D.G.M. was received with honors, after

which he assumed the Master's Chair and received with Grand Honors, M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary and V. W. Bro. C. W. Boon, Senior Grand Deacon. The third degree was exemplified by officers selected from the various lodges, in a very able and pleasing manner and received many favorable comments from the Custodian of the Work, who gave a very interesting and instructive address. The M. W. the Grand Master gave a brief address at this session, followed by the election of the D.D. G.M. for the ensuing year. The name of V. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts of Lake Saskatoon Lodge was submitted to the meeting and there being no other nominations he was declared elected by acclamation, thus showing the respect and esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the district.

In the evening the lodge was opened by the officers of Spirit River and Hythe Lodges. The M. W. the Grand Master gave a very eloquent and instructive address on what Masonry really means, followed by the Grand Secretary, who was at his best and gave us a brilliant talk, after which there was a general discussion by the brethren. The meeting was closed by officers from Grand Prairie and Lake Saskatoon Lodges, being successful from every point of view. After the evening session a splendid banquet was served in the Royal Hotel by the Masons of Peace River and their ladies, followed by short addresses by many of the visiting brethren.

On Friday, August 1st, the Grand Lodge officers, consisting of the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Sam Harris, V. W. Bro. C. W. Boon and myself started on a motor trip through the north country. We motored as far as Fort St. John, the brethren at the different points holding emergent meetings to receive us and I must say everything was done to make this a most enjoyable trip. We returned to Hythe, Monday, August 4th and constituted Hythe Lodge, No. 156. A large number of Masons were present at this ceremony from all the lodges in the district. Leaving Hythe by train, the Grand officers were, I think, a little surprised to find us waiting for them when their train arrived at High Prairie. This trip will never be forgotten by any of us I think, especially by V. W. Bro. C. W. Boon, who did most of the back seat driving.

WAHPUN LODGE, No. 88

The name "Wahpun" is an Indian word which translated means Dawn, and was selected by the members of this the mother lodge of the north, as being the dawn of Masonry in the great Peace River country. This is my own lodge and I have attended every meeting except one during my term of office. On December 27th, at the request of the Master, I installed the officers of this lodge, after which a banquet and social evening was enjoyed by the Masons of the district and their ladies.

My official visit to this lodge was made on December 11th, 1930, when the second degree was exemplified by the W. M. assisted by W. Bro. H. H. Reynolds and the officers of the lodge, in a very creditable manner. The books and records of the lodge are in good condition and all the officers are proficient in the work. The attendance of the resident members is remarkable and it is noticeable that most of these are Past Masters, good harmony prevails and I expect this will assist materially to make this lodge a success in the future.

PEACE RIVER LODGE, No. 89

I visited this lodge officially on January 14th, 1931, when the second degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the new

officers of the lodge. The books and records are in the capable hands of R. W. Bro. T. A. Norris, P.D.D.G.M. and are in excellent shape. The officers are proficient and W. Bro. H. A. George gives me the impression of being a very popular and energetic Master. Arrears of dues in this lodge, as in most of the lodges in the district, are high, otherwise the lodge is in good condition financially and appears to be making satisfactory progress. A number of visitors were present at this meeting and after the lodge closed a splendid lunch was served and a social hour was much enjoyed by all. I expect to hear good reports of this lodge in the future.

GRANDE PRAIRIE LODGE, No. 105

On November 15th, I paid my official visit to Grande Prairie Lodge and was warmly welcomed by the Master and brethren. The second degree was conferred on one candidate in a very impressive manner. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present, and this was possibly one of the best meetings I have attended in the district. The officers are careful in their work, which is consistently good. The books and records are well kept and the attendance is good. Grande Prairie Lodge is a really live organization whose friendly spirit brings together many members from other lodges and visitors to the district. I have no doubt this lodge will have a bright and prosperous future.

LAKE SASKATOON LODGE, No. 106

Lake Saskatoon Lodge is located in the town of Wembley, which is one of the beauty spots of the north. It is the home of V. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts the D.D.G.M. elect and also of Herman Trelle the wheat king of North America.

My official visit to this lodge was made November 14th, when I received a very kindly welcome. At this meeting I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Riggs of Stettler, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 9, who gave us a very fine talk on Masonry. The third degree was conferred by the officers of the lodge and was as nearly perfect as perhaps it is possible to give it. V. W. Bro. Roberts, the Secretary, uses the loose-leaf system and it certainly is a pleasure to look over his books. The financial condition of the lodge is sound and the officers and members enthusiastic. This lodge should have a bright future. After the lodge closed a wonderful hour of refreshment was much enjoyed by all.

SPIRIT RIVER LODGE, No. 116

I visited Spirit River Lodge officially on November 18th, 1930, and as I have had the pleasure of visiting them several times before, it seemed almost like going home. This lodge owns their hall, which is practically clear from debt and is a beautiful home. The painstaking care and efficient drilling of the officers and members of the lodge by R. W. Bro. R. C. Fitton has made this perhaps the banner lodge of the district. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my compliments to the Secretary, Bro. A. C. Egan, for the beautiful and efficient manner in which he keeps the books and records of the lodge. This lodge is making satisfactory progress and, in my opinion, has a bright future, and it cannot be denied that the officers and members show a spirit of enthusiasm which is to be commended. After the lodge was closed, another of those lunches was served for which this lodge is noted.

NORTHLAND LODGE, No. 147

My visit to Northland was somewhat delayed owing to the fact that the lodge were fitting up and moving into their new hall, which is a great improvement on the old building, which was destroyed by fire. On my official visit on April 9th, 1931, I was accompanied by several brethren from Wahpun Lodge. There were also several visitors present from Peace River Lodge and nearly every resident member of Northland was in attendance. The books and records of the lodge are in the capable hands of W. Bro. E. J. Martin and are in good condition. The financial condition of the lodge is sound and the brethren display great interest in their work. A part of the first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, but finding that the "candidate" was a Past Master of considerable skill, I called off the work. After the lodge was closed, tables were spread in the hall, a lunch was served which was very much enjoyed by all. Toasts were pledged and responded to and all visiting brethren joined in paying compliments to Northland Lodge. This lodge is in a good district and should make progress.

HYTHE LODGE, No. 56

This lodge was constituted on August 4th by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, assisted by several other Grand Lodge officers. Every lodge in the district was represented at this ceremony, which was very impressive, there being about 200 present.

I made my official visit to this lodge on November 13th, 1930. On my way to Hythe I was met at Grande Prairie by M. W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor, P.G.M., who accompanied me to this lodge. M. W. Bro. Taylor gave us a very interesting address at this meeting, which may have been one of the last visits he made to a Masonic lodge. The Masons in the north deeply regret his sudden passing and we shall miss his wise and kindly advice. This lodge own their hall, which is well appointed. The officers are proficient in their work, the books and records are well kept and the attendance good. A bright future is assured.

SEXSMITH LODGE, U.D.

Acting on instructions from the Grand Master, I instituted a new lodge at Sexsmith on March 10th, being ably assisted by officers from Spirit River, Grande Prairie, Lake Saskatoon and Hythe Lodges, with W. Bro. C. A. Walker of Wahpun Lodge acting as Director of Ceremonies. This new lodge is situated in a very prosperous district and is starting off with twenty members. They have been singularly fortunate in the selection of their officers and I trust will have a prosperous future. After the meeting the brethren repaired to the U.F.A. hall, where many of the brethren made interesting and instructive remarks, which were interspersed with singing of community songs. A delicious lunch was served and the evening closed with singing God Save the King.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of the district in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M., and my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me during my term of office. I especially wish to thank R. W. Bro. T. A. Norris of Peace River Lodge for his efficient work as District Secretary. The memory of my term of office is one which I shall always treasure and if my efforts have accomplished anything for the progress of Masonry in the district, I shall feel amply repaid.

Faternally submitted,

C. S. SPAULDING,
D.D.G.M., District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Youngstown, May 9th, 1931

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I herewith submit for your approval thereport for Masonic District No. 14, of which I have the honor to be District Deputy Grand Master.

I am more than pleased to be able to report favorably and that, so far as the officers and brethren in this district are concerned, Masonry is in very capable and conscientious hands. I do not think my pen is able or facile enough to express the pleasure I have had in visiting these different lodges. I have always held a high regard for the Craft through the many years since I received my first degree, but I never regarded it so highly as I do now, after visiting these lodges and seeing our grand work inculcated into the lives of the different communities.

The chief difficulty in most lodges seems to be the one of unpaid dues, but the Masters and Secretaries are endeavoring to remedy this evil. This district has been particularly hard hit the past few years in crop failures and the future does not look the brightest for increased membership; but there are a splendid list of Secretaries who are handling their difficulties in a very efficient manner.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held at Hanna on Monday, October 13th, 1930. The lodge was opened by Hanna Lodge, No. 78, at 3 p.m. and the D.D.G.M. was introduced, received with Grand Honors and assumed the Chair. The M. W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers were then received with Grand Honors and cordially welcomed to our District Meeting. The Question Drawer was then opened and several important and interesting problems were discussed with satisfaction. Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:20 and all partook of an enjoyable banquet in the Memorial Hall, put on by the ladies of the O.E.S. Labor was resumed at 8:35 p.m., when reports were received from all the lodges in the district. W. Bro. Murdo Stewart McLeod of Hanna Lodge, No. 78, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Grand Master at Grand Lodge, and Oyen was chosen as the next place of meeting. The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered a very inspiring address to the brethren, which was listened to with great interest and heartily received. The Grand Secretary also addressed the members at length. The lodge was closed by the officers of Acadia Lodge, No. 82, which terminated a very successful meeting.

HANNA LODGE, No. 78

I visited this lodge on October 8th, 1930, and found it healthy and doing very good work. The officers are very proficient and seem to be deeply interested in the work and welfare of the lodge. The three principal officers are occupying their respective chairs for the second term and harmony seems to prevail. The books and records are neat and up to date and the finances are good. There is a good attendance at their meetings and the lodge gives every indication of attaining a high standard of excellence.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 82

I visited this lodge officially on March 31st and was heartily received by the brethren. As this is my own lodge an official visit was scarcely necessary from me as I attended nearly every meeting during the year. This lodge has an efficient staff of officers who fully realize that not only the present but much of the future success of the lodge depends on their work, and are putting their heart into it. The records are well kept, their finances are sound and Acadia Lodge is doing good work.

HAND HILL LODGE, No. 98

I paid an official visit to Hand Hill Lodge on January 28th and was cordially received by the brethren. I examined the books and records and found them well kept. The officers were installed at this meeting by W. Bro. Netherton in a very efficient manner. This lodge feels the crop failure in the district last year. However, the attendance at the meetings is good and the officers are very enthusiastic.

OYEN LODGE, No. 104

On September 5th I visited this lodge. The first degree was conferred very creditably. Again on November 7th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Cowin and Bro. C. Atkin, I visited this lodge, when the third degree was conferred in an excellent manner. The work carried on by the lodge is of a very high standard. I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. Charles Stewart with the P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia. I examined the books and records and found them well kept by W. Bro. Dunford, the efficient Secretary.

CROCUS LODGE, No. 115

I paid my official visit to this lodge on September 10th, accompanied by several brethren, and found the lodge in very good condition. The books and records are well kept and up to date. The officers show keen interest in their work and are ably assisted by the Past Masters. Good progress is being made.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE, No. 132

I have to report visiting this lodge on November 4th, when the attendance was good. Upon examination of the books it was evident that they are in the same position as are so many other lodges, the work being done by the faithful few. However, the financial condition of the lodge is very satisfactory and the books are well kept. There was a social evening at the close of the lodge, the brethren being joined by their wives. I take pleasure in paying Craigmyle Lodge high tribute for the work carried on.

BERRY CREEK LODGE, U.D.

I visited this lodge in June and again on August 27th, accompanied by Bro. Atkin and Bro. Steckle, Wardens of Acadia Lodge. There being no degree work, the evening was spent in short speeches, followed by a repast. This lodge was handicapped by not having any Past Masters to guide them, but have made splendid progress and have been given much assistance by Acadia and Hanna Lodges. I take pleasure in recommending that they be granted a charter.

In closing, I would like to thank the brethren of District No. 14 for the honor bestowed on me in electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master. I hope I have not disappointed them in carrying out my duties. I wish also to express my sincere appreciation for the hearty welcome I received on my official visits from the brethren, and also my thanks to Bro. Menzies of Acadia Lodge, who very efficiently and cheerfully acted as District Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER A. DAVIE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bashaw, May 15th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I beg to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

First let me thank the brethren of this district and yourself, M.W. Sir, for allowing me this privilege, and while I have not accomplished all I hoped to, yet each lodge in the district has been visited and I expect to make several more visits before my term expires.

Owing to the extreme length of this district, the per capita expense of our District Meeting has been too heavy for the percentage of members who have been attending and in taking over the duties of D.D.G.M. it was my aim to visit all lodges in the district with a view to encouraging a better interest and attendance. In this work I must thank R. W. Bro. Marshall for his valuable assistance as he accompanied me over the entire district.

All lodges in this district carry ample insurance. There is an unusually heavy amount of arrears of dues on the books of all lodges on account of crop failure in 1929 and a large area having suffered severe losses from hail in 1929 and again in 1930.

IRRICANA LODGE, No. 137

On September 16th I made my first official visit to this lodge and arrangements were made for the District Meeting to be held on October 21st. Irricana Lodge has been particularly fortunate in having degree work during the year. They own their hall, which is a credit to the district and though they feel the financial burden, I feel sure that they are capable of handling the situation. The officers are proficient and the records neatly kept.

CYPRUS LODGE, No. 113

This lodge was visited on September 17th at Three Hills. There was no degree work but we spent a very pleasant evening in discussing questions to be presented at the District Meeting. This lodge has enjoyed some interesting speakers during the year. The officers opened

and closed the lodge very accurately and the books are well kept. The Historical Register should be brought up to date.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 109

My official visit was made to this lodge at Mirror on October 1st, with a number of the brethren from Fidelity accompanying me. Though the attendance was rather small, the opening and closing ceremony was well carried out by W. Bro. Smathers and his officers. This lodge is to be complimented on their attention given to the graves of deceased Masons in their local cemetery. The lodge is in good shape financially, but attendance is uncertain on account of many members being called out on railroad duty.

CAVELL LODGE, No. 125

A number of the members from Bashaw accompanied me on my official visit to this lodge at Delburne on October 2nd. The meeting was well attended and a splendid feeling exists among the members. A piano has been purchased which will greatly add to the beauty of the degree work and also make the social affairs more pleasant. A well prepared paper on the life of Nurse Edith Cavell was read by W. Bro. S. W. Thayer. The lodge will make this an annual practice, calling their October meeting "Cavell Night" and will arrange a suitable program in memory of the heroine from whom the lodge takes its name.

We visited this lodge again on April 4th at an emergent meeting, called to pay last respects to the late Bro. Smith; R. W. Bro. Marshall and I were requested to take charge of the burial service and we were again accompanied by a number of Bashaw brethren.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 76

I made my official visit to this, my mother lodge, at Bashaw on October 7th. Most of the resident members were in attendance with visitors from Camrose, Mirror and other points. R. W. Bro. Whitby, the first Master of Fidelity, now a resident of Edmonton, made the trip from the city to be present at this meeting. Though very little degree work has been done in this lodge during the year, the meetings are well conducted and attended. The books and records are up to date in the capable hands of R. W. Bro. Marshall.

To the brethren of this lodge I am very grateful for their support and assistance given me during the year. At their request I am making another official visit at the next regular meeting.

St. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 66

On October 9th, I made a visit to this lodge, situated at Trochu. Bad weather accounted for the small attendance but did in no manner affect the good-fellowship which seems to prevail in this lodge. The second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the W. M. and officers and the candidate's examination showed the thorough manner in which the work is carried on in this lodge. The brethren of St. Andrew's are to be congratulated on their cosy and comfortable hall, which they own. The books and records are also in good shape.

ACME LODGE, No. 60

As Acme and Cavell meet on the same night of the month, the officers of Acme very kindly consented to hold their regular meeting on the 10th of October instead of the 2nd, to allow me to make my

official visit. In spite of the bad condition of the roads, a splendid representation of the members was present, as well as a number from Irricana. As there was no degree work, a friendly discussion of questions to be brought before the District Meeting took place. This lodge rents its hall which is very comfortably furnished. Its finances are in good shape and books well kept. The fourth degree, presided over by R. W. Bro. Grainger, continued well into the night.

DISTRICT MEETING

On October 21st I presided at the District Meeting, held in Irricana. On account of the heavy snowstorm the previous week, many of the roads were impassable and consequently the attendance was very disappointing. However, all lodges in the district were represented with the exception of one.

Lodge was opened by the officers of Irricana Lodge, No. 137, at 2:30 p.m. and M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., were received with customary honors. The minutes of the last district meeting held at Delburne, were read and confirmed. The Grand Master presented R. W. Bro. Grainger with P.D.D.G.M. regalia on behalf of the district. Discussion in regard to wearing of regalia at Divine Service resulted in the passing of a resolution in favor of the present ruling of not issuing dispensation to lodges to attend in regalia. The meeting went on record as favoring notice of motion regarding increase of per capita to Grand Lodge. Action of lodges in regard to application for Masonic burial of suspended members was discussed and clauses in the Constitution governing same were explained by the Grand Secretary and by M. W. Bro. Selwood. The Grand Secretary addressed the meeting with points of interest as Custodian of the Work.

After an hour for refreshment the M. W. Masters of the various lodges in the district gave their reports, which indicated gratifying progress. M. W. Bro. Selwood's address was greatly enjoyed by all. W. Bro. Nicholson of Irricana Lodge was elected D.D.G.M. for 1931-32 and Three Hills chosen for the place of meeting. The Grand Master addressed the meeting on "Realising Masonic Ideals," which was masterly in its treatment and of telling force upon the brethren.

The officers of Cyprus Lodge closed the lodge at 10:30. The brethren sat down to a wonderful banquet at 11:00 p.m. and with R. W. Bro. Marshall acting as toastmaster, the social side of the District Meeting was all that could be desired.

Let me take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the brethren of Irricana Lodge for their careful management, which made this meeting successful and enjoyable.

In addition to my official duties within the district, it has been my privilege to attend the Special Communication of Grand Lodge at Calgary on October 11th and the luncheon so kindly arranged for us by the Grand Secretary on that occasion.

I also attended the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in Edmonton on November 1st and have visited other lodges, including Donalda, Eureka at Lacombe and Acacia in Edmonton.

While very friendly relations exist among the lodges in this district, I am of the opinion that the boundaries of this district, as well as many others in this Grand Jurisdiction, should be changed. I do not in the

least begrudge the thousand miles travelled in the pursuit of my official duties, but I feel that my successor could accomplish more in a compact district. As most of the travelling is now done by car, if the lodges were grouped in square districts instead of being strung out for a hundred and fifty miles along a railroad, as they now are, we could expect better results from our district meetings and by exchange of visits among the lodges during the year a better understanding and feeling would exist.

To Bro. Thompson of Irricana I wish to express my appreciation of his services as District Secretary and to the officers and members of the various lodges, who have received me so cordially at all times, my thanks are due.

Fraternally submitted,

LYNN WILSON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rockyford, April 29th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

In making this annual report it must be remembered that the general depression is affecting the progress and financial standing of all lodges in this district. This statement, no doubt, applies to other districts, but the crops here were extremely poor in 1930. The warm, open winter also adversely affected the coal mining centers, such as Drumheller and Carbon. However, in spite of these unfavorable conditions I am happy to report that Masonry is still, as it should ever be, the common ground upon which all members can meet and for the duration of the meeting at least, rise above the worries and tribulations of this mortal existence.

I was able to officially visit each lodge in the district once before my present illness, and found general conditions within the individual organizations favorable. The Secretaries are particularly efficient and the degree work of some of the lodges was splendid. Of course, it was only to be expected that errors would creep in in places, but it was gratifying to see the appreciative manner in which corrective suggestions were accepted by the brethren. The Union Jack is now exhibited in each lodge room in the district.

Of lodges individually there is very little of special interest to be mentioned, except perhaps the extremely favorable financial condition of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146, and the fact that Hussar Lodge, No. 130 again succeeded in passing the yearly mile-post with no outstanding dues. It is quite possible that the various lodges in this, and perhaps other districts, might profitably inquire of Hussar Lodge what method is being employed to so effectively and satisfactorily solve the troublesome question of collection of dues. They appear to think there is nothing extraordinary in this achievement, but their loyalty is at least worthy of emulation.

I wish to make special mention of the interesting, entertaining and inspiring lectures on Masonry delivered by Bro. (the Rev.) V. M. Gilbert of Rockyford Lodge, No. 123. Bro. Gilbert accompanied me

on several of my official visits and spoke to the brethren, generally at the banquet table. He is an able and eloquent speaker on this subject and I greatly appreciated his efforts and generous support.

Our District Meeting was held in Carbon and was generally conceded to be highly successful. We were honored by the presence of several distinguished brethren, among whom were: M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary and R. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby, Deputy Grand Master. The addresses delivered by the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were masterpieces of eloquence and Masonic spirit and the Grand Secretary gave some exceedingly useful and valuable information in reply to questions from the Question Box. The banquet following was ably presided over by R. W. Bro. Kerby and various items of interest and amusement were contributed by the brethren. An all-Masonic orchestra from Drumheller supplied the music and Bro. Steve Harding gave some highly humorous readings.

In my opinion the District Meeting is one of the most potent factors in the creation of a spirit of fraternalism and harmony among the brethren and great care should be exercised by all concerned to assure ourselves that the rights and responsibilities of the various lodges are given due and ample consideration.

In passing, I wish to mention the organizing ability and consistent co-operation of my District Secretary, W. Bro. C. R. Walrod, who in large measure contributed to the success of the District Meeting and of my year as D.D.G.M.

The pleasure of the year was interrupted by the accidental death of an old and highly esteemed friend of mine. I refer to R. W. Bro. J. A. MacDonald of Carbon Lodge, No. 107, who was well known throughout the district and his many friends were shocked and saddened by his untimely demise.

M. W. Sir, in closing this brief report, I only wish to add that I sincerely trust the lodges and brethren in District No. 16 will continue to give Masonry their loyal support and especially do I ask them to show the same spirit of co-operation to my successor, W. Bro. W. R. Fulton, with which they have honored me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

E. W. PUST,

D.D.G.M., District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Irma, May 20th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration, my report as D.D.G.M., on the condition of Masonry covering the Seventeenth Masonic District for the year 1930-1931.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall at Viking, on October 25th, 1930, with a splendid attendance from practi-

cally all the lodges. The meeting was opened by Connaught Lodge, No. 69, and was presided over by myself, and was attended by the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, and also M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, the Grand Secretary. A report was heard from the Masters of nearly all the lodges, showing the condition of their respective lodges. The Grand Secretary then dealt with questions from the Question Box, which has proved a very popular feature of our District Meetings. This is evidenced by the large number of questions asked and answered.

An adjournment was made from the hour of 5:45 until 7:30 p.m. when labor was again resumed. The M. W. the Grand Master delivered an inspiring and instructive address, as did also the Grand Secretary, who dealt with the workings of Grand Lodge. W. Bro. W. J. Fleming was elected as D.D.G.M. for the next Masonic year, and Tofield was selected as the place for the District Meeting. The meeting was closed by Dynamic Lodge, No. 96, shortly after 11:00 p.m.

The brethren were then regaled with a sumptuous banquet, and after listening to some splendid talks, departed to their homes with a feeling that a successful meeting had been brought to a close.

I would like at this time to express to the members of Connaught Lodge, No. 69, my appreciation of the splendid part that they played in making this meeting the success that it was, as it was due to their unstinted efforts that the whole program was able to be carried out so smoothly. I personally feel that the institution of these district meetings is a most happy and desirable one, as in this manner as in no other practical manner can the Mason of the small lodges meet with the representatives of Grand Lodge and discuss their mutual problems to the benefit of all concerned.

During the term of my office I have been able to pay official visits to all of the lodges in this district, and some I have had the privilege of visiting a second time. During this time I was accompanied by brethren from my own lodge, to whom I must also render thanks for their wonderful support. In all my visits, I have been the recipient of those heart-warming fraternal attentions, that are so readily bestowed upon all the visiting brethren in this district and that so truly characterize that great spirit of Freemasonry. To all those members of the Craft who have made this possible, I can only in this small manner express my appreciation.

Appended herewith is an account of my official visits to the lodges of District No. 17.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44

My official visit to this lodge was made on March 4th, being the night of their regular meeting. There was no degree work on hand, but the business of the lodge was well conducted. The Secretary has his books in splendid shape. The Historical Register of this lodge was in the big fire two years ago, and there has not been any start made yet to replace it. However, assurance has been given that this will be attended to at an early date. I had the pleasure, at this meeting of presenting to the P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. W. W. Yeager, a camera and accessories, as a token of appreciation of District No. 17 for his untiring efforts during his term of office as District Deputy Grand Master. Buffalo Park Lodge own the best lodge hall in the district and use it for recreational purposes as well as for their meetings. They have the hall equipped with Carpet Bowls, which is regularly indulged

in after their meetings adding greatly to the interest and attendance. This lodge is very active and enthusiastic and Masonry is in a healthy condition here.

PALESTINE LODGE, No. 46

My official visit to this lodge was on December 17th, being on the night of their regular meeting. There was no degree work on hand, but the business of the lodge was very well conducted, the officers being capable and efficient. Included in the business of the evening was the matter of arrears and suspensions for N.P.D. While this is a matter that is always regrettable, still it must be attended to before it gets too far and injures the lodge, and the officers of this lodge are to be commended for the way in which this subject was handled. After the business of the lodge was over and around the banquet table, there were delivered some very fine and inspiring addresses, which gave evidence of this lodge maintaining a high standard. The books are well kept and the Historical Register is up to date.

A second visit was planned for the evening of May 20th and two automobiles started for Tofield, but were unable to get to their destination on account of the heavy rains which had fallen. I would here offer my regrets to the members of this lodge for being unable to get there at that time and trust that this explanation will serve to let them know that a determined effort was made to keep the engagement.

CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 69

My first official visit to this lodge was on June 24th, 1930, being the occasion of a joint installation of the officers of Connaught and Gratton Lodges. The installing officers were R. W. Bros. Rollans and McAthey and their work in this respect left very little to be desired.

My second official visit was on March 28th, on the night of their regular meeting. There was no degree work, but the regular business of the lodge was well conducted and the officers efficient. The books of the lodge are excellently kept and this lodge is fortunate in having R. W. Bro. Rollans as their Secretary. During the business of the lodge an appeal was read from a widow of a former member, and I would like to commend this lodge on the spirit in which this appeal was discussed and handled. This is one of the real duties of a lodge and illustrated the wisdom of preparing for such appeals by the provision of a substantial benevolent fund. The Historical Register is up to date and the whole spirit of the lodge is progressive. This is well demonstrated by their determination to eventually own their hall and they have now quite a substantial fund set aside for building.

After the lodge was closed, a banquet was provided that took the nature of a "Father and Son" banquet. This was, so far as I know, a new innovation and to say that it was successful is merely describing it modestly. From the type of "Sons" that were in attendance, one was forcibly struck with the thought that "Masons would have good sons."

DYNAMIC LODGE, No. 96

My official visit to this lodge was on February 4th, being the night of their regular meeting. The business of the lodge was well conducted and the officers and members appear to be enthusiastic and energetic. This lodge is laboring under a heavy load of arrears, but a very determined effort has been made in the past year or so and the result has been remarkable, especially in these times of depression. It has taken on a new life and so long as this spirit is maintained, it is bound to progress soundly and steadily. The Historical Register of this lodge is up to date, and is also remarkable, in that it has the finest intro-

duction of any register that I have seen, as it begins in the earliest part of the district's history and cleverly weaves the whole history into a most interesting story. I would like to have the other lodges of the district peruse this as it offers a model of what makes an interesting history. After the regular business was over, a candidate was initiated and this ceremony was well performed. The revival of the Masonic activities of this lodge augurs well for the future of Masonry in this district.

ALBION LODGE, No. 97

My first official visit to this lodge was on December 4th, their regular meeting night. This was one of the first meetings that was held in their new lodge hall and although it was not completely finished, there were only a few finishing touches to be done and then it will be as comfortable and as well laid out as could be desired and this lodge has done wonderfully well in acquiring such a splendid home.

The business of the lodge was well conducted, but there was no degree work. The books are in good order but their Historical Register has had no entries since December, 1925. However, they have promised to have this brought up to date as soon as possible, and already have a committee working on it. Their arrears of dues are negligible and I do not anticipate that they will have any difficulty from this standpoint.

I made another visit to this lodge on May 7th, it also being the night of their regular meeting. At this meeting they had the largest number of visitors that they had had for a long time, this lodge being at the extreme end of the line, and they arose to the occasion and royally entertained their guests. Freemasonry is a vital force in this community and I feel that so long as it is being carried forward, as the members of this lodge are doing, it is in safe hands.

EDGERTON LODGE, No. 102

My first official visit to this lodge was on July 7th, being the occasion of their installation of officers. This night proved very unfortunate for the Edgerton district as a great hail storm swept over the larger part of it and destroyed a great deal of their crops. As quite a large number of the members of this lodge are farmers, this naturally will to some extent affect the lodge, and on this occasion it prevented many of them from attending, owing to the condition of the roads.

I made another visit on their regular meeting of March 2nd. They had just moved into their new home, being a cottage that they had purchased and renovated to suit their needs. This will, when completed, be a very nice place for them, and at that time I made certain recommendations for their guidance in making their alterations. The business was well conducted but there was no degree work. Owing to the expenditures in connection with their building, the finances are rather weak, but they are meeting this in every proper manner and as soon as they have completed the building, I feel that their finances will adjust themselves. The books are in good order, but their Historical Register received its last entry in 1922. This was brought to their attention and I have received their assurance that this will be remedied. By securing a home for themselves in these difficult times, this lodge gives a concrete expression of the condition of Masonry here, and their spirit, even under the reverses that many of them have suffered, is cause for pride.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 112

I officially visited this lodge on February 5th, the night of their regular meeting. This is the smallest lodge in the district and suffering from the effects of the disastrous fire over a year ago, it is surprising to find that they are optimistically carrying on and doing good work. It

will naturally take some time to regain their former position, but with their progressive outlook and perseverance, I feel that they will successfully accomplish this. Their books and records were destroyed in the fire and consequently their present records are in the embryo stage, but they are making a strong effort to bring them up to date and while they have not entered their Historical Register up at all, they assured me that this will be done, making an effort to secure as much material as possible of the history of the lodge, which when all work together should be considerable.

The business was conducted rather hesitantly, but this will correct itself as the officers gain more confidence in their duties. The members are keen and anxious, but about half of their membership is non-resident, which makes it a little difficult for the resident members. This lodge recently suffered quite a loss, when W. Bro. Lindholm passed away in Edmonton. He was their first Master and was always vitally interested in Freemasonry. I have attended most of their meetings, being only a few miles distant from my own lodge, and have endeavored to render them any assistance within my power. While their numbers may be few, I feel that they are doing all that they possibly can to carry on the high traditions of the Craft.

GRATTON LODGE, No. 144

This being my home lodge, I have naturally attended all of the meetings, making my official visit on April 16th, a regular meeting night. The business was well conducted and all the officers are efficient and enthusiastic. The first degree was conferred on a candidate and the work was well done. The Junior Warden and the Senior Deacon were particularly efficient and deserve credit for their work. The books of this lodge are in good order and the Historical Register is up to date. This lodge is in the happy position of having no arrears of dues and it is to be hoped that this will continue.

To those members of my own lodge who accompanied me on my official visits to the other lodges in this district, I wish to express my appreciation.

In conclusion, I would like to mention that I have made in all sixteen official visits throughout the district and have arrived at the conclusion that Freemasonry throughout District No. 17 is in a healthy and sound condition. I have stressed to the Masters of the various lodges the importance of making careful selection of the committees of enquiry on all applications, as I feel that herein lies the remedy of poor attendance and suspensions for N.P.D. I have also found that various lodges are carrying a reasonable amount of insurance, are active, and are endeavoring to maintain the high standards of the Craft. The recollections of my year of office will always remain a happy memory, and I will never forget the many warm-hearted hand shakes of the numerous new friends that I feel that I have secured across the district.

And finally, M. W. Sir, I wish to express my most sincere appreciation of the warm fraternal welcome extended to me from all the lodges, and trust that my term will not have proved entirely fruitless, but that I have in some measure merited the high honor bestowed upon me by my brethren, and that my labors will meet with your approval.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

PRYCE JONES,

D.D.G.M., District No. 17.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. V. Follett (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. Douglas (4), "That the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

Report of the Grand Treasurer

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1931:

February 1st, 1930, Cash in Bank	\$ 2,102.89
Total Deposits	24,469.55
	\$26,572.44

Less:

Cheques issued	\$11,506.62
Transfer to Benevolent and Relief Funds	11,751.70
	\$23,258.32

January 31st, 1931, Cash in Bank	\$ 3,314.12
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A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS SHARPE

Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. John Thomson (68), "That the Report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

STATEMENT OF BONDS

As at May 31, 1931

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Date of Maturity</i>
Dominion of Canada	5 per cent.	\$ 100.00	15 Apr. '43
Dominion of Canada	4½ per cent.	100.00	15 Oct. '44
Province of Alberta	6 per cent.	4,000.00	15 Jan. '36
Province of Alberta	6 per cent.	8,000.00	1 Apr. '36
Province of Alberta	5 per cent.	12,500.00	15 Feb. '40
Province of Alberta	5 per cent.	21,000.00	1 July '43
Province of Alberta	5 per cent.	11,000.00	1 July '48
Province of Alberta	5 per cent.	5,000.00	15 Feb. '40
Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	8,000.00	15 Oct. '54
Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	5,000.00	1 June '67
Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	5,000.00	1 Oct. '56
Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	5,000.00	15 Oct. '54
Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	6,000.00	1 June '67
Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	5,000.00	1 June '67
Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	8,000.00	1 June '67
Province of Alberta	4 per cent.	5,353.33	1 June '38
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	3,000.00	1 Mar. '44
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	2,000.00	1 Nov. '45
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	1,000.00	1 Apr. '47

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER—Continued

City of Edmonton	5 per cent.	8,000.00	1 Apr. '60
City of Edmonton	5 per cent.	5,000.00	1 Apr. '60
City of Calgary	5 per cent.	35,040.00	1 Jan. '43
City of Calgary	5 per cent.	2,000.00	15 June '45
City of Calgary	4½ per cent.	1,946.66	1 July '42
Total.		\$167,039.99	

We hereby certify that we have carefully checked the bonds in the Safety Deposit Box in the Bank of Nova Scotia, and find the above statement to be correct.

THOS. SHARPE,
Grand Treasurer.

WM. IRELAND,
Auditor.

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 10th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending January 31, 1931. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31, 1930, together with a statement of certificates and charters issued; new lodges formed; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued; and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

One thousand copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with section 71 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 556 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 63 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 124 Past Master Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

Charters

In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge a charter was issued to Hythe Lodge, No. 156, at Hythe, in the Thirteenth Masonic District, which was duly constituted and their officers installed on August 5, 1930, by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master.

New Lodges

Sharon Lodge, at Iron Springs, in the Seventh Masonic District. Dispensation re-issued July 21, 1930.

Berry Creek, at Pollockville, in the Fourteenth Masonic District. Dispensation re-issued June 17, 1930.

Lucerne Lodge, at Vauxhall, in the Second Masonic District. Dispensation issued November 21, 1930. Arthur Williams Ross, W.M.; David Christie, S.W.; George Luton T. Thomas, J.W. Instituted November 26, 1930, by R. W. Bro. R. Douglas, D.D.G.M.

Sexsmith Lodge, at Sexsmith, in the Thirteenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued February 21, 1931. Thomas C. Bruce, W.M.; William T. Turner, S.W.; Lyman R. Gamey, J.W. Instituted March 12, 1931 by R. W. Bro. C. S. Spaulding, D.D.G.M.

By-Laws

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

West Edmonton, No. 101.....	July 19, 1930
Zetland, No. 83.....	Oct. 2, 1930
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 22, 1930
Mountain View, No. 16.....	June 6, 1931
Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	June 6, 1931
Cresset, No. 136.....	June 6, 1931

Amendments To By-Laws

Rosebud, No. 149.....	July 19, 1930
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Sept. 17, 1930
Commercial, No. 81.....	Nov. 17, 1930
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Nov. 17, 1930
Calgary, No. 23.....	Nov. 20, 1930
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Nov. 22, 1930
Chief Mountain, No. 58.....	Dec. 13, 1930
Hanna, No. 78.....	Dec. 13, 1930
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Dec. 20, 1930
Commercial, No. 81.....	Jan. 9, 1931
Carstairs, No. 20.....	Jan. 29, 1931
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	Jan. 29, 1931
Vulcan, No. 74.....	Jan. 29, 1931
Meridian, No. 129.....	Jan. 29, 1931
King Hiram, No. 21.....	Feb. 5, 1931
Lochearn, No. 151.....	Feb. 9, 1931
Jasper, No. 14.....	Feb. 14, 1931
Quarry, No. 70.....	Feb. 14, 1931
Verdigris, No. 100.....	Mar. 13, 1931
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Mar. 13, 1931
Cairo, No. 32.....	Mar. 26, 1931
Cavell, No. 125.....	Mar. 26, 1931
Verdigris No. 100.....	Apr. 7, 1931
Alliance, No. 135.....	Apr. 7, 1931
Irricana, No. 137.....	Apr. 7, 1931
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Apr. 17, 1931
Ashlar, No. 28.....	May 5, 1931
Robert Burns, No. 49.....	May 5, 1931
Jasper, No. 14.....	May 18, 1931
Sentinel, No. 26.....	May 21, 1931

DISPENSATIONS **To Hold Special Installations**

Edson, No. 68.	June 16, 1930
West Edmonton, No. 101.	June 16, 1930
Jasper, No. 14.	June 17, 1930
Edgerton, No. 102.	June 17, 1930
Onoway, No. 138.	Sept. 4, 1930
Medicine Hat, No. 2.	Nov. 5, 1930
Mizpah, No. 35.	Nov. 5, 1930
Ashlar, No. 28.	Nov. 6, 1930
Concord, No. 124.	Nov. 6, 1930
Quarry, No. 70.	Nov. 8, 1930
Gleichen, No. 36.	Nov. 17, 1930
Dominion, No. 117.	Nov. 17, 1930
Unity, No. 51.	Nov. 24, 1930
Empire, No. 63.	Nov. 24, 1930
Zetland, No. 83.	Nov. 25, 1930
Renfrew, No. 134.	Nov. 25, 1930
Edmonton, No. 7.	Nov. 29, 1930
Apollo, No. 27.	Nov. 29, 1930
Commercial, No. 81.	Nov. 29, 1930
Symbol, No. 93.	Nov. 29, 1930
St. Mark's, No. 118.	Nov. 29, 1930
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.	Dec. 1, 1930
Acacia, No. 11.	Dec. 3, 1930
Brooks, No. 73.	Dec. 3, 1930
Strathcona, No. 77.	Dec. 3, 1930
King Hiram, No. 21.	Dec. 4, 1930
Clive, No. 121.	Dec. 6, 1930
Fidelity, No. 76.	Dec. 8, 1930
Saskatchewan, No. 92.	Dec. 8, 1930
Carbon, No. 107.	Dec. 8, 1930
North Star, No. 4.	Dec. 12, 1930
Calgary, No. 23.	Dec. 12, 1930
Tuscan, No. 43.	Dec. 12, 1930
York, No. 119.	Dec. 12, 1930
Rockyford, No. 123.	Dec. 12, 1930
Sentinel, No. 26.	Dec. 13, 1930
Summit, No. 30.	Dec. 13, 1930
Beaver, No. 56.	Dec. 13, 1930
Rocky Mountain, No. 86.	Dec. 13, 1930
Pyramid, No. 108.	Dec. 13, 1930
Alliance, No. 135.	Dec. 13, 1930
Red Deer, No. 12.	Dec. 15, 1930
Joppa, No. 40.	Dec. 15, 1930
Chief Mountain, No. 58.	Dec. 15, 1930
King George, No. 59.	Dec. 15, 1930
Crocus, No. 115.	Dec. 15, 1930
Big Valley, No. 140.	Dec. 16, 1930
Alberta, No. 3.	Dec. 22, 1930
Perfection, No. 9.	Dec. 22, 1930
Lethbridge, No. 39.	Dec. 22, 1930
Charity, No. 67.	Dec. 22, 1930
Excelsior, No. 80.	Dec. 22, 1930
Acadia, No. 82.	Dec. 22, 1930
Cyprus, No. 113.	Dec. 22, 1930
Corinthian, No. 22.	Dec. 23, 1930
Comet, No. 50.	Dec. 23, 1930

Forestburg, No. 128.....	Dec. 23, 1930
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec. 23, 1930
Eureka, No. 10.....	Dec. 24, 1930
Donalda, No. 150.....	Dec. 27, 1930
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	Dec. 31, 1930
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Dec. 31, 1930
Lochearn, No. 151.....	Dec. 31, 1930
Whitecourt, No. 153.....	Dec. 31, 1930
Nobleford, No. 111.....	Jan. 19, 1931

To Hold Special Elections

Albion, No. 97.....	Dec. 26, 1930
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To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Acme, No. 60.....	July 15, 1930
Acacia, No. 11.....	June 16, 1930
Carbon, No. 107.....	July 21, 1930
Carbon, No. 107.....	Aug. 21, 1930
Acme, No. 60.....	Oct. 29, 1930
St. Andrew's, No. 66.....	Oct. 31, 1930
Commercial, No. 81.....	Jan. 6, 1931
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Jan. 15, 1931
Comet, No. 50.....	Feb. 3, 1931
Bassano, No. 55.....	Feb. 3, 1931
Cairo, No. 32.....	Feb. 14, 1931
Efficiency, No. 141.....	Feb. 26, 1931
Renfrew, No. 134.....	May 4, 1931

To Invest Out of Time

Rocky Mountain, No. 86.....	Jan. 6, 1931
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	Jan. 27, 1931
Chief Mountain, No. 58.....	Mar 24, 1931

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

Cascade, No. 5.....	Sept. 8, 1930
Palestine, No. 46.....	Sept. 10, 1930
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Sept. 22, 1930
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	Sept. 27, 1930
Strathmore, No. 53.....	Oct. 1, 1930
Acme, No. 60.....	Oct. 3, 1930
Irricana, No. 137.....	Oct. 14, 1930
Bassano, No. 55.....	Oct. 22, 1930
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Oct. 29, 1930
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Oct. 30, 1930
North Star, No. 4.....	Oct. 31, 1930
Nanton, No. 17.....	Nov. 8, 1930
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 24, 1930
Forestburg, No. 128.....	Dec. 4, 1930

Carstairs, No. 20.....	Dec. 6, 1930
Sharon, U.D.....	Dec. 6, 1930
Diamond City, No. 65.....	Dec. 12, 1930
King Solomon, No. 41.....	Dec. 13, 1930
Britannia, No. 18.....	Dec. 16, 1930
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec. 22, 1930
Zetland, No. 83.....	Dec. 31, 1930
Mayerthorpe, No. 148.....	Dec. 31, 1930
King Solomon, No. 41.....	Jan. 21, 1931
Lethbridge, No. 39.....	Feb. 18, 1931
Zetland, No. 83.....	Feb. 26, 1931
Wetaskiwin, No. 15.....	Apr. 14, 1931
Rosebud, No. 149.....	May 19, 1931
Dominion, No. 117.....	May 19, 1931

To Change Hour of Regular Meeting

Strathcona, No. 77.....	Feb. 20, 1931
Zetland, No. 83.....	Feb. 26, 1931

To Act with Physical Defect

Edson, No. 68.....	Oct. 13, 1930
Waskatenau, No. 154.....	Jan. 3, 1931

To Initiate Without Residence Qualifications

Star of the West, No. 34.....	July 14, 1930
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Sept. 4, 1930
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	Dec. 26, 1930

To Initiate Six Candidates at the Same Meeting

Medicine Hat, No. 2.....	June 23, 1930
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To Reballot on a Petition for Initiation Within the Constitutional Time

Eureka, No. 10.....	Apr. 6, 1931
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To Confer Degrees Within the Time Prescribed by the Constitution

Kenilworth, No. 29.....	May 19, 1931
Jasper, No. 14.....	May 22, 1931

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Chile, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed Bro. Guillermo Lorca Flores, of Santiago, Chili, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Chili.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Manitoba, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr, of Brandon, Manitoba, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Massachussets, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed R. W. Bro. Edwin A. Blodgett, of Springfield, Massachussets, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Massachussets.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed M. W. Bro. Ernest Ph. Herivel, of Puebla, Mexico, our Grand Representative near the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Norway, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed M. W. Bro. A. B. Laurantzson, of Oslo, Norway, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Norway.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Edward McKay, of Darnley, P.E.I., our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Alberta, brethren were commissioned as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta as follows:

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Representative</i>
Norway.....	R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps, Red Deer
Massachussets.....	M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Cardston
Western Australia.....	W. Bro. Wm. McNab, Edmonton

LODGES INCORPORATED

Edgerton, No. 102.....	Dec. 8, 1930
Chief Mountain, No. 58.....	Dec. 26, 1930
Doric, No. 31.....	May 19, 1931

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration

R. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby, Chairman; M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R. W. Bro. G. W. Blackstock, R. W. Bro. J. Martland, R. W. Bro. J. V. Follett, R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes and W. Bro. Geo. Moore.

Change of Date of Annual Communication

M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, Chairman; M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank,
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, Chairman; M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood,
M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Chairman; M. W. Bro. A. M.
Mitchell, R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. C. B. Oakley, Chairman; R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey,
R. W. Bro. H. P. Long.

Memorial to M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, Chairman; R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps.

Memorial to M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor

M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Chairman; W. Bro. F. Barnhouse.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership December 31, 1929.....14,006

Increase

Initiated.....	538
Passed.....	549
Raised.....	556
Joined.....	263
Reinstated.....	47
Total Increase.....	848

Decrease

Dimitted.....	294
Suspended N.P.D....	227
Suspended U.M.C....	2
Died.....	105
Total Decrease.....	628
Net Increase.....	220
Total Membership, December 31, 1930.....	14,226

It was unfortunately found necessary to fine five lodges for delinquency in making their half-yearly returns for June, but those for December came in fairly well on time. There is still room for improvement in filling out these returns. It is to be hoped that the new form, which will be issued immediately after Grand Lodge closes, will make it easier to avoid mistakes, and as it can be used in a machine, every Secretary who can do so will be able to type his return.

When Suffield Lodge, No. 85 surrendered its charter, the regalia and other lodge property was turned over to Grand Lodge, nearly all of which has been disposed of to other lodges. On examination of the books, notices were sent to all those members who were in arrears and it is pleasing to report that with only one exception, they have paid up their dues and received dimits, many of which have been turned in on affiliation with other lodges. These dimits were in special form, issued by the Grand Master, and the case of the members suspended for N.P.D. was similarly dealt with. To W. Bro. A. B. Spence, Past Master and Acting Secretary of Suffield Lodge, our thanks are due for valuable assistance in closing out the affairs of the lodge.

I would draw attention to the carelessness evident with regard to copies of "The Work" supplied to lodges and Past Masters. Several times I have been applied to for replacements because of loss, which might have been avoided by a little ordinary care. I also find an increasing practice of making presentation of these documents to the out-going Master, which should not be done. It is the common experience that in most cases these are little used and consequently often come into the possession of those not entitled to have them. I would recommend that presentations be forbidden and that these copies be issued only to lodges to replace those they are entitled to and to Past Masters on their own written request, through the Secretaries of their lodges. It is not too much to say that there must be hundreds of these copies extant, of which we have no knowledge as to their present ownership.

With regard to Grand Lodge regalia, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens' regalia should be renewed and also some of the D.D.G.M.'s regalia, being much worn.

I wish here to gratefully acknowledge the gift of a framed photograph of Grand Lodge taken at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary, presented by R. W. Bro. John Gillespie, which now adorns our office.

It is again with great pleasure that I can report that all our transactions and correspondence with the lodges or individual members have been conducted throughout on a basis of mutual good will, which has greatly contributed to the pleasant nature of the relations which exist between this office and the jurisdiction generally.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending January 31st, 1931

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Moneys received between February 1, 1930, and January 31, 1931

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River.....	\$466.60	40.	Joppa.....	101.06
2.	Medicine Hat.....	389.20	41.	King Solomon....	33.95
3.	Alberta.....	166.90	42.	Bowden.....	95.60
4.	North Star.....	544.05	43.	Tuscan.....	132.50
5.	Cascade.....	248.50	44.	Buffalo Park....	106.65
6.	Spitzie.....	160.80	45.	Ionic.....	66.00
7.	Edmonton.....	502.50	46.	Palestine.....	110.20
8.	Innisfail.....	222.40	47.	Chinook.....	65.65
9.	Perfection.....	713.17	48.	Crossfield.....	142.00
10.	Eureka.....	109.45	49.	Robert Burns....	69.00
11.	Acacia.....	393.45	50.	Comet.....	88.40
12.	Red Deer.....	226.80	51.	Unity.....	734.85
13.	Victoria.....	47.65	53.	Strathmore.....	103.25
14.	Jasper.....	295.65	54.	Mount Lebanon..	392.75
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	186.50	55.	Bassano.....	151.50
16.	Mountain View...	149.00	56.	Beaver.....	73.40
17.	Nanton.....	74.35	57.	Grassy Lake.....	73.30
18.	Britannia.....	219.45	58.	Chief Mountain...	38.75
19.	Cornerstone.....	258.65	59.	King George....	544.15
20.	Carstairs.....	108.30	60.	Acme.....	88.65
21.	King Hiram.....	183.25	61.	Provost.....	111.65
22.	Corinthian.....	314.00	62.	Coal.....	49.40
23.	Calgary.....	432.60	63.	Empire.....	284.25
24.	Vermilion.....	88.90	64.	Bow Island.....	177.65
25.	St. John's.....	237.19	65.	Diamond City....	39.00
26.	Sentinel.....	57.55	66.	St. Andrew's.....	60.85
27.	Apollo.....	201.15	67.	Charity.....	148.25
28.	Ashlar.....	381.35	68.	Edson.....	309.70
29.	Kenilworth.....	246.43	69.	Connaught.....	69.45
30.	Summit.....	103.20	70.	Quarry.....	101.40
31.	Doric.....	103.80	71.	Tawatinaw.....	86.80
32.	Cairo.....	120.65	72.	Coronation.....	197.25
33.	Stavely.....	110.20	73.	Brooks.....	188.05
34.	Star of the West..	129.25	74.	Vulcan.....	179.25
35.	Mizpah.....	230.20	75.	Harmony.....	77.00
36.	Gleichen.....	162.80	76.	Fidelity.....	300.00
37.	Camrose.....	177.65	77.	Strathcona.....	314.00
38.	Hope.....	42.25	78.	Hanna.....	202.05
39.	Lethbridge.....	271.30	79.	Morning Star.....	41.75

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
80.	Excelsior.....	25.75	124.	Concord.....	223.65
81.	Commercial.....	351.70	125.	Cavell.....	38.50
82.	Acadia.....	106.00	126.	Pembina.....	66.40
83.	Zetland.....	393.45	127.	Granite.....	134.60
84.	Champion.....	99.70	128.	Forestburg.....	97.25
85.	Suffield.....	105.52	129.	Meridian.....	105.95
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	216.65	130.	Hussar.....	80.80
87.	Crescent.....	201.40	131.	Kitscoty.....	32.15
88.	Wahpun.....	33.00	132.	Craigmyle.....	87.85
89.	Peace River.....	56.00	133.	Manyberries.....	99.50
90.	Norwood.....	212.05	134.	Renfrew.....	309.10
91.	Patricia.....	311.25	135.	Alliance.....	71.20
92.	Saskatchewan.....	198.15	136.	Cresset.....	41.00
93.	Symbol.....	172.50	137.	Irricana.....	38.50
94.	Lamont.....	81.50	138.	Onoway.....	72.50
95.	Kitchener.....	78.25	139.	Melrose.....	64.60
96.	Dynamic.....	104.75	140.	Big Valley.....	98.15
97.	Albion.....	57.05	141.	Efficiency.....	64.30
98.	Hand Hill.....	49.75	142.	Ivanhoe.....	267.55
100.	Verdigris.....	135.60	143.	Jasper Park.....	103.65
101.	West Edmonton..	207.55	144.	Gratton.....	57.90
102.	Edgerton.....	67.00	145.	St. Alban's.....	98.00
103.	Foremost.....	75.30	146.	Drumheller.....	66.65
104.	Oyen.....	232.00	147.	Northland.....	73.10
105.	Grande Prairie..	250.95	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	58.70
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	121.70	149.	Rosebud.....	67.85
107.	Carbon.....	82.95	150.	Donalda.....	54.80
108.	Pyramid.....	110.10	151.	Lochearn.....	48.00
109.	Ancient Landmark	84.90	152.	Standard.....	70.45
110.	Kilwinning.....	56.25	153.	Whitcourt.....	83.50
111.	Nobleford.....	24.75	154.	Waskatenau.....	28.75
112.	Victory.....	228.40	155.	Earl Haig.....	67.85
113.	Cyprus.....	88.55	156.	Hythe.....	32.70
114.	Westlock.....	153.70	U.D. Sharon.....	16.25	
115.	Crocus.....	77.00	U.D. Berry Creek...	38.00	
116.	Spirit River.....	154.70	U.D. Lucerne.....	85.30	
117.	Dominion.....	207.95	Masonic District No. 2..	50.00	
118.	St. Mark's.....	186.25	Masonic District No. 4..	50.00	
119.	York.....	192.80	Masonic District No. 9..	85.00	
120.	Monitor.....	80.45	Masonic District No. 11.	50.15	
121.	Clive.....	29.88	Sundries.....	5.25	
122.	Rising Sun.....	130.80			
123.	Rockyford.....	123.75			
				Total.....	\$24,469.55

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31, 1931

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	\$ 1.40	7.	Edmonton.....	17.85
2.	Medicine Hat....	.75	8.	Innisfail.....	.30
3.	Alberta.....	3.65	11.	Acacia.....	2.15
4.	North Star.....	5.25	13.	Victoria.....	1.05
5.	Cascade.....	2.15	14.	Jasper.....	.10
6.	Spitzie.....	10.10	15.	Wetaskiwin.....	2.00

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
17.	Nanton.....	2.20	93.	Symbol.....	9.60
18.	Britannia.....	9.50	95.	Kitchener.....	8.55
19.	Cornerstone.....	3.60	96.	Dynamic.....	25.45
20.	Carstairs.....	2.15	97.	Albion.....	1.77
21.	King Hiram.....	14.43	98.	Hand Hill.....	5.20
23.	Calgary.....	5.55	101.	West Edmonton..	4.90
24.	Vermilion.....	8.55	107.	Carbon.....	50.00
26.	Sentinel.....	3.85	108.	Pyramid.....	2.50
29.	Kenilworth.....	5.22	109.	Ancient Landmark	.15
32.	Cairo.....	12.10	111.	Nobleford.....	8.05
33.	Stavely.....	.30	112.	Victory.....	7.70
34.	Star of the West..	8.60	113.	Cyprus.....	6.25
35.	Mizpah.....	1.60	114.	Westlock.....	18.15
36.	Gleichen.....	.40	116.	Spirit River.....	.15
37.	Camrose.....	99.15	117.	Dominion.....	10.30
38.	Hope.....	.90	118.	St. Mark's.....	3.15
39.	Lethbridge.....	3.35	120.	Monitor.....	98.90
41.	King Solomon.....	4.45	121.	Clive.....	2.90
43.	Tuscan.....	6.45	123.	Rockyford.....	54.50
45.	Ionic.....	35.02	124.	Concord.....	2.80
48.	Crossfield.....	.45	125.	Cavell.....	1.15
50.	Comet.....	.15	126.	Pembina.....	.50
51.	Unity.....	2.05	127.	Granite.....	9.30
55.	Bassano.....	7.15	128.	Forestburg.....	33.40
56.	Beaver.....	3.50	129.	Meridian.....	.15
57.	Grassy Lake.....	24.20	131.	Kitscoty.....	40.10
58.	Chief Mountain...	1.05	132.	Craigmyle.....	.40
59.	King George.....	252.00	134.	Renfrew.....	.90
60.	Acme.....	2.15	135.	Alliance.....	3.85
61.	Provost.....	15.85	136.	Cresset.....	8.10
63.	Empire.....	.15	137.	Irricana.....	7.35
64.	Bow Island.....	5.25	140.	Big Valley.....	2.00
66.	St. Andrew's.....	.15	142.	Ivanhoe.....	7.95
67.	Charity.....	6.60	144.	Gratton.....	1.70
69.	Connaught.....	1.95	145.	St. Alban's.....	1.70
70.	Quarry.....	14.95	146.	Drumheller.....	.50
71.	Tawatinaw.....	4.40	147.	Northland.....	.15
72.	Coronation.....	4.05	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	.20
75.	Harmony.....	9.05	149.	Rosebud.....	.15
76.	Fidelity.....	67.40	153.	Whitecourt.....	13.60
77.	Strathcona.....	1.80	154.	Waskatenau.....	1.50
79.	Morning Star.....	.65	155.	Earl Haig.....	.70
80.	Excelsior.....	4.18	156.	Hythe.....	39.25
81.	Commercial.....	2.55		Masonic District No. 9..	76.40
87.	Crescent.....	189.75		Masonic District No. 10.	6.00
88.	Wahpun.....	7.05		Masonic District No. 14.	85.00
89.	Peace River.....	52.15		Masonic District No. 15.	.15
90.	Norwood.....	4.40			
91.	Patricia.....	352.15			
92.	Saskatchewan.....	9.20			
				Total.....	\$1,983.62

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1931

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10.	Eureka.....	8.65	105.	Grande Prairie...	9.60
12.	Red Deer.....	.05	106.	Lake Saskatoon..	1.15
16.	Mountain View...	.90	115.	Crocus.....	.35
25.	St. John's.....	3.95	119.	York.....	19.40
27.	Apollo.....	.55	133.	Manyberries.....	1.70
31.	Doric.....	.60	138.	Onoway.....	.10
42.	Bowden.....	3.35	139.	Melrose.....	.10
46.	Palestine.....	2.60	141.	Efficiency.....	.25
53.	Strathmore.....	1.70	143.	Jasper Park....	.80
62.	Coal.....	4.15	150.	Donalda.....	2.15
65.	Diamond City...	1.05	151.	Lochearn.....	3.60
78.	Hanna.....	1.40	U.D.	Sharon.....	4.00
83.	Zetland.....	.20	U.D.	Lucerne.....	.10
84.	Champion.....	7.80	Masonic District No. 2..		17.30
85.	Suffield.....	59.57	Masonic District No. 5..		.10
86.	Rocky Mountain..	3.70	Masonic District No. 11.		.10
100.	Verdigris.....	.45	Masonic District No. 12.		1.50
102.	Edgerton.....	.10			
103.	Foremost.....	1.20			
104.	Oyen.....	2.30			
				Total.....	\$166.57

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31, 1931

Dominion, Provincial and Municipal Bonds, Benevolent Fund.....	\$1,688.74
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, May 16th, 1931.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books and records of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ended 31st January, 1931, and submit herewith the following statements:

Balance Sheet of the General and Benevolent Funds as at January 31st, 1931.

Revenue Account showing the result of the Income and Expenditures for the fiscal period.

Comparative Statement of Revenue Account for the past five years.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund and also of the Relief and Benevolent Funds for the year ended January 31st, 1931.

I have to report that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with. Your Finance Committee have scrutinized all accounts and bills, and have passed same for payment. The balances in the several Bank Accounts have been verified and certified to me by the Bank Manager.

The balances due from Lodges show a considerable increase over that of last year; a number of these have since been paid, but I would suggest that Lodge Secretaries should examine the list and endeavour to reconcile their Account with the Grand Secretary's Office, as some balances have been outstanding for some time.

The Revenue Account again shows an excess of expenditure over income to the amount of \$956.56, which is some improvement over the past two years. In order that Lodges may get the right perspective on the financial operations of Grand Lodge, I have prepared the attached comparative statement of Income and Expenditure for the past five years, showing the cost per member as compared with the Revenue per member.

The Benevolent Fund and the Relief Fund Accounts have been carefully examined, and while each fund shows an increase, it should be noted that the demands upon the Relief Fund during the past year have been very heavy. The total Income from all sources for the Relief Fund amounted to \$15,150.02, and the grants made amounted to \$12,796.09, leaving a balance of \$2,353.93 to carry forward.

I have examined the Securities held, and find same to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant.
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1931

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund:		General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia . . . \$	3,314.12	Balance due to Lodges \$	166.57
Balances due from Lodges	1,983.62	Balance due Benevolent Fund	3,433.79
Books, Stationery and Supplies on hand	4,621.39	Unexpired proportion of Life Memberships	554.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,027.47	Surplus Account:	
Regalia	909.13	Balance Feb. 1, 1930 . . . \$	10,657.93
	\$ 13,855.73	Less Excess of Expenditure over income	956.56
			\$ 9,701.37
Benevolent Fund:			\$ 13,855.73
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia:		Benevolent Fund Capital Account:	
Savings Account, Relief Fund . . .	8,434.79	Balance Feb. 1, 1930 . . . \$	155,149.99
Savings Account, Benev't Fund . .	1,450.21	Additions during year	6,700.57
			\$ 161,850.56
Investments:		Relief Fund:	
Provincial and Municipal Government Bonds at cost (par \$167,039.99)	164,124.98	Balance Feb. 1, 1930 . . .	15,178.02
Balance due on Agreement of Sale . .	150.00	Additions	2,353.93
Sundry Loans	100.00		
Balance due from General Fund . . .	3,433.79		17,531.95
Accrued Interest	1,688.74		\$ 179,382.51
	\$ 179,382.51		
	\$ 193,238.24		\$ 193,238.24

Calgary, May 15th, 1931.

I hereby certify the foregoing Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct statement of the Financial position of Grand Lodge as disclosed by their books and information supplied.

WM. IRELAND, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For 12 Months ended 31st January, 1931

By Membership Fees.....	\$	6,653.75	
Initiation Fees.....		1,034.00	
Certificate Fees.....		1,317.00	
Charter Fees.....		45.00	
Dispensations.....		313.00	
Life Membership Fees.....		140.40	
Supplies Sold.....		1,333.72	
Regalia Sales.....		524.47	
Fines.....		25.00	
Sundries.....		5.25	
			\$ 11,391.59
To Cost of Supplies Sold:			
Inventory Feb. 1, 1930....	\$	5,264.44	
Purchases.....		497.68	
	\$	5,762.12	
Less Inventory Jan. 31, 1931....		4,621.39	
			1,140.73
To Cost of Regalia Sales.....			467.65
To Office Expenses:			
Rent and Light.....		920.00	
Salaries.....		4,900.00	
Postage and Express.....		277.91	
Telephones and Telegrams....		159.60	
Janitor Service.....		142.00	
Office Supplies and Stationery..		178.95	
General Expense.....		124.10	
			6,702.56
To Insurance.....		156.50	
To Printing.....		1,205.95	
To Travelling & Grand Master's			
Expense.....		834.90	
Grand Lodge Expenses.....		787.95	
25th Anniversary Expenses.....		302.43	
Repairs.....		48.75	
Repairs to regalia and presenta-			
tion.....		189.00	
Exchange.....		1.00	
			3,526.48
Special Grants.....			75.00
Depreciation:			
Furniture and Fixtures.....		335.73	
Regalia.....		100.00	
			435.73
			<u>12,348.15</u>
Net Loss for the Year.....	\$		<u>956.56</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st,
1930, to January 31st, 1931

To	Balance in Bank, February 1, 1930	\$ 2,343.30	
	Proceeds from Agreements of Sale	1,850.00	
	Transfer from General Fund	5,097.95	
	Transfer from Relief Fund	5,000.00	
	Repayment of Loan	250.00	
	Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	1,515.55	
	Interest on Savings Account	34.82	
	Donations	12.00	
By	Investments in Bonds		14,653.41
	Balance in Savings Account		1,450.21
		<u>\$16,103.62</u>	<u>\$16,103.62</u>

RELIEF FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1930
to January 31st, 1931.

To	Balance in Bank, February 1, 1930	\$ 11,045.82	
	Grand Lodge Dues	6,653.75	
	Interest on Investments	8,055.91	
	Interest on Agreements of Sale	103.25	
	Interest on Savings Bank Account	117.00	
	Refunds and Donations from Lodges	255.15	
By	Cheques issued on Grants		12,796.09
	Transfer to Benevolent Fund		5,000.00
	Balance in Savings Bank Account		8,434.79
		<u>\$26,230.88</u>	<u>\$26,230.88</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1930 to January 31st, 1931

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, Feb. 1st, 1930	\$ 2,102.89
To Receipts from Lodges	24,469.55

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books and Stationery	\$ 497.68
Salaries	4,900.00
Printing	1,205.95
Travelling, Grand Master's Ex- pense	834.90
Rent	920.00
Postage and Express	277.91
Office and General Expenses	303.05
Janitor Service	142.00
Telephones and Telegrams	159.60
Insurance	156.50
Repairs	75.75
Grand Lodge Expenses	\$ 9,473.34
Regalia	1,090.38
Special Grants	804.25
Transferred to Relief Fund	75.00
Transferred to Benevolent Fund	6,653.75
Furniture and Fixtures	5,097.95
Interest and Exchange	3.75
Balance in Bank	59.90
	3,314.12
	<u>\$ 26,572.44</u>

<u>\$ 26,572.44</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927
Earnings:					
Membership Fees	6,653.75	6,748.75	6,728.25	6,828.25	6,201.50
Initiation Fees	1,034.00	1,283.00	1,368.00	1,282.00	1,244.00
Certificate Fees	1,317.00	1,465.00	1,493.00	1,424.00	1,346.00
Charter Fees	45.00	115.00	150.00	90.00	220.00
Dispensations	313.00	293.00	352.00	372.00	352.00
Life Membership Fees	140.40	65.60	205.00	209.00	144.00
Profit on Supplies	192.99	19.92	587.65	420.36	842.45
Regalia	56.82	9.80			
Fines	25.00	10.00			
Interest on Deposit Receipt			44.38		
Total Receipts	9,777.96	10,010.07	10,928.28	10,625.61	10,349.95
Income per Member	.68.80c	.71.27c	.79.48c	.79.88c	.79.4c
Expenditures:					
Rent and Light	920.00	1,045.00	838.50	744.00	744.00
Salaries	4,900.00	4,905.00	4,877.50	4,761.50	4,350.00
Postage and Express	277.91	343.50	233.37	265.04	251.88
Telephones and Telegrams	159.60	134.88	138.27	132.18	100.55
Janitor Service	142.00	119.50	110.25	90.00	90.00
Office Supplies and Stationery	178.95	248.80	266.25	276.83	219.99
General Expenses	124.10	145.33	426.09	189.70	150.94
Insurance	156.50	233.40	271.65	258.38	282.38
Printing	1,205.95	1,325.46	1,764.57	969.09	1,235.34

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Travelling and Grand Master's Expense.....	834.90				
Moving Expense.....		1,003.45			
25th Anniversary Expense.....		240.00		1,142.10	704.51
Repairs.....	302.43				
Regalia Expense.....	48.75	88.22			
Grand Lodge Expense.....	189.00	198.35		161.09	
Exchange.....	787.95	749.53		531.65	364.80
Depreciation.....	1.00	1.15		1.05	
	435.73	417.02		110.76	129.53
Total Cost.....	10,664.77	11,188.59	10,873.10	8,885.46	8,512.06
Memberships.....	14,226	14,047	13,752	13,301	13,035
Cost per Member.....	.75.05c	.79.70c	.79.50c	.66.8c	.65.3c

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the Report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have pleasure in presenting the Twenty-sixth Annual Report as Grand Lodge Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

We desire to make grateful acknowledgment of the receipt of the following:

1. Copies of Proceedings of Grand Lodges with which we are in communication.
2. Copies of digests, codes, year books, etc., donated.
3. Copies of leading Masonic publications supplied by their editors.

With regard to the latter, it is with regret I have to note the suspension of "The Builder," which has ceased publication. The need for such a magazine will be generally felt, and it is hoped that the efforts of the editors to revive it will be successful.

The only book added to the Grand Lodge Reference Library this year was "English Speaking Freemasonry," by the late R. W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Warden, President of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England. In his death an outstanding figure in Freemasonry has been lost to the Masonic world. Several copies of this history have been purchased by members through the Grand Lodge office.

I am glad to report a reviving interest in the Circulating Libraries, many of which are at the present time in use by the lodges. In this connection, I would recommend that these old sets of books be retired or cancelled. Many of them were seriously damaged in the Elma Block fire, and all are showing a good deal of wear and tear and should be replaced. Several changes could also be made by selecting other books in addition to these now listed.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. John Thomson (68), "That the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Edmonton, June 10, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes met in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on June 9th, at 10.00 o'clock a.m., when the various matters requiring attention were submitted to the several sub-committees for their decision, the result of which will appear in their reports.

In view of the fact that our supply of Constitutions will probably be used up in two years' time and a reprint become necessary, this Board would recommend that a standing committee be appointed to consider and make recommendations to this Grand Lodge for a complete revision of the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. W. KERBY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), "That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF
MASONRY**

Edmonton, June 10th, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry respectfully submit the following report for your consideration:

We have carefully examined and reviewed the various reports submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters, and we bring to your attention some of the more salient features of the same.

We find that notwithstanding the economic depression through which we are passing, in this and every other part of the world, the condition of Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction is in a sound and healthy state.

One district reports a decrease of one in membership, but on the whole there is an increase in membership of 220. This is not a large increase, but it indicates, we believe, that more care is being exercised in the selection of candidates, which eventually will mean the elimination of the moribund element in the membership of our Lodges and the solution of the much vexed problem of unpaid dues.

The interest and attendance at the district meetings has never been better than during the past year, and their value in creating and sustaining the spirit, harmony, fraternalism, and good fellowship of Masonry is beyond question.

One lodge during the year celebrated its 25th anniversary in a noteworthy manner, Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, at High River. This lodge enjoys the distinction of being the first lodge instituted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

We note that the financial depression and consequent unemployment has made special demands upon many of the lodges, but "brotherly love and relief" have been much in evidence. Individual lodges in many cases have constituted themselves a labor bureau to assist the unemployed among their members.

We commend the efforts of four Lethbridge Lodges, joined by Diamond City Lodge, which resulted in the furnishing of two private rooms in the new Galt Hospital. Highly commendable, also, is the action of some lodges in giving attention to the neglected graves of deceased Masons.

We are pleased to record the institution of a new lodge at Sexsmith, and the constitution of a new lodge at Hythe, while the dedication of the new and beautiful Masonic Temple in Edmonton is entitled to the admiration and congratulations of all the brethren.

An innovation in connection with entertainment was instituted at Connaught Lodge, No. 69, Viking, in the holding of a "Father and Son" banquet. It is said that the type of sons present was a credit to their Masonic fathers.

Special nights were held in a number of lodges and generated an unusual interest as well as secured a large attendance. These nights, "Canadian," "English," "Irish," "Scotch," and "Burns" proved to be highly inspirational and informing.

Arrearages and unpaid dues is still a matter of grave concern to many of the lodges. While two of the lodges, Gratton Lodge No. 144, at Irma, and Hussar Lodge, No. 130, report a fully paid up membership, one District of 466 members reports unpaid dues to the amount of \$2,118.00, which equals \$4.59 per member.

In almost every community there are unaffiliated members. It is not in the best interests of Masonry, locally or otherwise, that they should remain unattached. Consequently we believe that wise and strenuous efforts should be made to bring them into the membership.

Some lodges still neglect to place any insurance on their property. This condition is not in the interests of or for the good of Masonry.

We regret the surrendering of the charter of Suffield Lodge, No. 85, but we have the assurance that there will be no loss to Masonry in members as most of these are affiliating with other lodges in the jurisdiction.

We are gratified to learn that the Historical Registers for the most part are well kept and up to date. There are a few lodges, however, where this important matter is not being attended to as it should.

Attention is called to the dimensions of District No. 15, and the urgent need for some new arrangement of boundaries. At the present time the D.D.G.M. has to travel 1,000 miles to visit the lodges in his district.

We would emphasize the importance of lodges being represented at Grand Lodge by at least one of their principal officers. Lodges should have personal contact with and knowledge of Grand Lodge. An analysis of the Report of the Committee on Credentials, for the last

four years, reveals that of 150 lodges, 21 have failed to be represented by any one of their senior officers at four consecutive communications, and 44 lodges have similarly failed for three out of four communications.

From some districts there comes an urgent request that instructors be appointed for both rites. Their duties would be to visit every lodge at least once in three years and hold Lodges of Instruction.

We highly commend the D.D.G.M.'s for the faithful discharge of their duties and recommend that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following brethren:

Joseph V. Follett (28)	Herbert Percy Long (24)
Wm. Raisbeck (57)	Daniel McNiven (127)
Frank R. Falconer (71)	Farmer H. Steele (114)
Duncan F. Chisholm (10)	Charles S. Spaulding (88)
Alex. I. Millar (75)	Peter A. Davie (82)
A. Scott Peebles (40)	Lynn Wilson (76)
Robert Douglas (4)	Emil W. Pust (123)
R. W. Harold Pinkney (86)	Pryce Jones (144)
Athelstan Grace (120)	

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. KERBY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), seconded by R. W. Bro. John Thomson (68), "That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

Edmonton, June 9, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"So mayest thou live till like ripe fruit, then drop,
Into thy mother's lap, or be with ease gathered, and not harshly
plucked."

Again we note the large number of our brethren who have answered the final summons of the grim reaper, since last we met in annual communication. Our sister jurisdictions mourn the loss of thirty distinguished brethren, according to notices received, and to these jurisdictions we extend our sincerest sympathy. In our own jurisdiction, the passing of two well beloved Past Grand Masters in addition to one hundred and five of our brethren during the year, is recorded with sorrow.

Thus, brethren, each succeeding communication of our Grand Jurisdiction adds to that great majority, who have responded to the last call; but we do not sorrow as those without hope. We will miss them and we tender to their memory our tribute of love and affection. More especially we would express our heartfelt sympathy to those near and

dear to them by family ties, and would gently remind them of the tremendous truth:

"There is no death, the leaves may fall,
And flowers may fade away,
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of the May."

Among those of our brethren who have been called from labor to rest in the Grand Lodge above, we may mention M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, P.G.M. The call was sudden and the vacant chair at this Grand Communication will remind us all of a well-loved companion who shared with us many a pleasant hour in Masonic intercourse.

Only a brief time had elapsed when we were again called upon to pay the last sad rites to another equally distinguished brother in the person of M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, P.G.M., a brother widely known wherever Masons congregated, east or west in this great Dominion.

Special memorial notices have been sent to all lodges for these eminent brethren and will be printed in full in the Proceedings.

Your committee also noted, with profound regret, the tragic death of R. W. Bro. J. A. McDonald, P.D.D.G.M., who lost his life in endeavoring to save that of his four-year-old son. For over twenty-five years he had been an active member and was D.D.G.M. of District No. 7 in 1917.

One of the oldest members of Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. Charles Henry Stuart Wade, died in California on March 12, 1931, at the advanced age of 92. He was one of the founders of Jasper Lodge No. 14 and its first secretary. He was appointed G.D. of C. at the formation of Grand Lodge in 1905; and elected Grand Registrar in 1906. Before coming to Alberta he served as an officer in the Imperial forces.

In the death of R. W. Bro. W. J. Seed, the brethren of this jurisdiction have lost a genuine friend and brother. R. W. Bro. Seed was an active member of Vermilion Lodge No. 24 as early as 1909, and later became D.D.G.M. of District No. 10. At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Masonic Board of Benevolence in the City of Vancouver and many of our lodges owe a debt of gratitude to him for services rendered to their members.

Bro. C. Y. Weaver, a member of Jasper Lodge No. 14, is another whose life of service to his country, the community in which he lived and those with whom he worked, has left a memory which will be cherished by all those who knew him.

So recently as the middle of last week we received the sad news of the death of R. W. Bro. James N. Rankin, Honorary Past Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge. This aged brother had just passed his 84th birthday. Coming to Alberta as early as 1876, and having been made a Mason in Strathroy, Ontario, previously, his record as an active member of the Fraternity in this province is probably unequalled. He became a member of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, G.R.M., and on moving to Calgary affiliated with Bow River No. 1, of which he became Master in 1907. It is interesting to note that his number on the Grand Lodge register is 2. He also became D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 1 later. His active connection with Grand Lodge since its formation was recognized in 1927, when Grand Lodge by unanimous vote conferred the rank of Honorary Past Grand Junior Warden upon him, and since that time, in spite of failing strength, he never failed to attend

his lodge and Grand Lodge whenever it was possible. His funeral, which was in charge of Bow River Lodge No. 1, on Saturday, June 6th, was attended by a very large number of members, all the lodges in the City of Calgary being represented, while Grand Lodge was represented by three Past Grand Masters and several other Grand Officers.

It is to men such as these, who have served their day and generation faithfully and well, that tribute should be paid, for they have laid the foundations upon which we can continue to build, secure in the belief that the structure will endure. So from their hands we catch the falling torch and with might and main hold high the light so that others may be imbued with the zeal which was theirs, and carry on the tasks with the tools they have laid down.

I herewith submit a list of those from sister Grand Jurisdictions who have passed on, which no doubt will find a honored place in the proceedings of this Grand Communication, together with a record of the losses, which we as a Grand Jurisdiction, have suffered during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

C. B. OAKLEY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. C. B. Oakley (107), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. P. Long (24), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received, and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Edmonton, June 10, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Three cases were referred to your committee for consideration, and we beg to report the following findings:

1. Lodge No., vs. Bro.

This brother was tried by his lodge on a charge of unmasonic conduct, namely, theft. The brother acknowledged his guilt and was sentenced to indefinite suspension. We recommend the sentence be confirmed.

2. Lodge No., vs. Bro.

This brother was tried by a commission, appointed by the Grand Master at the urgent request of the lodge, the charge being, using language unbecoming a Mason in a letter addressed to the lodge. The commission found the charge sustained and reprimanded the brother. This committee agrees with their finding.

3. Lodge No., vs. Bro.

Found guilty on due trial of a charge of unmasonic conduct, namely, obtaining money under false pretenses, the brother pleaded guilty and was sentenced to indefinite suspension. We recommend that the sentence be confirmed.

In the case of the brother who was recommended by his lodge for expulsion last year and the finding confirmed by Grand Lodge, he being duly notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes at this communication, to show cause why he should not be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and having failed to appear or be represented, we recommend that he now be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. BOTTERILL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Edmonton, June 10, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that no matter has been referred to them for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

S. H. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

In the evening a banquet was provided by the Edmonton brethren, in the banquet hall of the Temple, which was attended by approximately 700 members. The customary toasts were duly honored, and in reply to the toast in honor of our distinguished guest, proposed by Bro. Dr. Stacey McColl, M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, replied as follows:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

May I at the outset warmly reciprocate the very kind and gracious reception accorded me to-day by extending to you the most cordial

fraternal greetings from the 115,000 Masons of my own Grand Jurisdiction. In this land of great distances, we in our Grand Jurisdiction have desired for years to establish more personal contact with the other Canadian Grand Lodges, and I have made this trip to the West to bring to you and to your brother Masons of the Province of British Columbia, the kindest personal and fraternal regard and esteem from your own kith and kin-- members of your household in the old Province of Ontario.

We, as one of the older Canadian Grand Jurisdictions, rejoice in the progress and advancement of Masonry in the Grand Lodge of Alberta. As I have been an interested spectator at your Grand Lodge proceedings to-day, I have concluded that the foundation for that progress and advancement was laid in the abiding principles of our Fraternity, that your growth and expansion during the last twenty-five years has not been spasmodic, but rather that it has been perennial. You have added year by year new characteristics of virtue, honor and mercy, so that your Masonry in Alberta has ever been constructive in its kind and nature, teaching fidelity to the home, devotion to the church and respect for law and constituted authority. The growth and expansion of Masonry in your Province is beautifully typified in this most comfortable and commodious temple, in which we are assembled—a monument to the sacrifice and devotion of the Masons of this city.

To-day brethren, your Temple has been dedicated in one of the most beautiful and sublime of all our Masonic ceremonies. This Temple in the first place was dedicated to Freemasonry. To Freemasonry that has come to us from the mysteries of the dim and distant past. No man can state with certainty as to its origin, and that same uncertainty adds to its mystic charm and enchantment. But brethren, it has been dedicated to a Freemasonry that has stood the test of time, for it has seen kingdoms come and kingdoms go; it has watched the quarrels and bickerings of political parties, the growth of religious denominations and of every form of organization, and through it all it has remained firm and unshaken, standing solidly on the firm foundation of a belief in God and service to mankind.

Its principles and its precepts, so wisely fashioned in the dim and distant past, are as vital and strong in our day and generation as they were in the years and centuries that are past and almost forgotten in the flight of time.

Your Temple today has been dedicated to a Freemasonry that has come down through the centuries and met a great need in the life of mankind. It has done it in its own peculiar way, but it has done it effectively. And above all, this Temple has been dedicated to a Freemasonry that knows no flag or nationality, for tonight, in every civilized land, among folk of every creed, Freemasonry is found and is scattering with an unsparing hand its teaching of liberty, pure and undefiled, of justice that is not strained and of the true and genuine spirit of morality which must exalt all mankind to higher ambitions and nobler ideals.

In the next place, your Temple this afternoon was dedicated to virtue; typifying that the basic, the fundamental work of Freemasonry, is to inculcate the purest principles of piety and virtue, and I sometimes fear in my jurisdiction, that in our varied Masonic activities we are permitting our Masonry to drift from its moorings; that we are grasping at the shadow and missing the substance; that we are turning aside from the real plan and purpose of our Fraternity, which is to train

men of character and intelligence in the noble science and royal art of correct thinking and right living.

Freemasonry never grows strong through the casual and indifferent Mason, but it does gather its strength from Masons who are true to its ideals, its plan and purpose—from Masons in spirit and above all Masons in character, Masons who keep before them the ideal of a true Mason—as one who speaks sanely and purely, who acts honorably and honestly, who lives uprightly and unselfishly, and who reverently and devoutly worships his God as the Great Architect of the Universe.

And, finally, your Temple this afternoon was dedicated to Benevolence, for we give expression to that indefinable essence, which we are pleased to call the spirit or the soul of the Fraternity, when we as Masons stand shoulder to shoulder, foot to foot and knee to knee to dispose our hearts to relieve the necessities and soothe the afflictions of those whose needs should appeal so strongly to our hearts, for whose wants we must make still greater sacrifices. Masonry has its truest expression when we hear the call from brethren to whom we have pledged ourselves to stand shoulder to shoulder, when met with circumstances of unforeseen misfortune and calamity, and above all, when we hear the appeal of our brethren from the distant shores of that great unknown silent sea, who are appealing to us to care for their widows and orphans, that we may not fail or even falter, but carry to them comfort and consolation in the day and hour of their greatest trial and affliction. But as I take it, this Temple was to-day dedicated to a universal benevolence or charity, which gives to every man the right to have definite and very strong convictions; but they must be tempered and mellowed by a sympathetic respect for the thoughts and considerations of others. This should remind us as Canadian Masons, that it should be our great mission and purpose to establish in this young and virile nation, on which so many of our hopes are centered, an altar of faith—a shrine of purity and a temple of goodwill and toleration, not as a political institution, but rising above party, creed and political rancour, that we may apply our Masonic principles and precepts in the solution of our national problems, problems which at the present time are testing the genius and statesmanship of our public men, and which are demanding a sacrifice and devotion of our individual citizens.

It seems to me brethren, in the solution of these problems, following the eloquent address of R. W. Bro. Kerby, that we cannot look for better inspiration and guidance than by emulating the example of those early pioneers, who by their dauntless courage, their abiding faith and their unselfish sacrifice, gave us in our day and generation this great Canadian heritage. If we be loyal and true to that heritage, to ourselves and to our posterity, all differences between East and West, all conflicts of race and creed will cease, and we shall proceed with the idea of a united Canada, recognizing that co-operation spells prosperity and dissention means disaster; that we may be just and generous to each other and loyal to the best interest of our people as a whole in the maintaining and strengthening of a truer and higher type of Canadian patriotism, such a patriotism as will bring more honor and respect for our laws, more regard for the higher ideals of the home and a truer and more genuine spirit of righteousness, which alone exalteth a nation to loftier ambitions and nobler ideals. I feel the call to this far-flung world-wide Fraternity is to give a wider expression to that spirit and soul of Masonry and make its precepts transcend not only our provincial boundaries, but that we may carry these principles and ideals to men of every country and creed, that neither nationality nor sect shall separate human hearts and

that a man shall not be valued for what he has, but rather for what he is; that the only aristocracy we recognize is that of brains and of heart. Then, and only then, will discord and dissension be dethroned and in its place will be the spirit of peace and goodwill to all mankind. In a word, that we may make Freemasonry more than a mere institution, more than secret society, even more than a system of morality; that we may make it one of the missions of the Divine spirit to fuse together all nations, all creeds and all classes in one great moral and spiritual fellowship, ever giving to our Masonry a broader and wider vision.

“ May this be the vision we are coming to see:
The nations reborn and humanity free;
Master and servant—great men and low,
Are finding in trial the worth of each other.
The great sky of life with the dawn is aglow,
Man is slowly discovering the soul of his brother.”

(Applause.)

Second Day = = = Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Edmonton, June 10, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges begs to report
as follows:

We have examined and considered the books and records of the
following lodges, under dispensation:

Sharon Lodge at Iron Springs,
Berry Creek Lodge at Pollockville,
Lucerne Lodge at Vauxhall,
Sexsmith Lodge at Sexsmith,

and our findings and recommendations are:

1. **Sharon Lodge:** A definite improvement has been made in keeping the books and records of this lodge, and we find them in good condition. We recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge.

2. **Berry Creek Lodge:** We find the books and records of this lodge to be in good condition, that satisfactory progress has been made, and we recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge.

3. **Lucerne Lodge:** The books and records of this lodge are in good condition, but would point to the necessity of placing headings of business in the margin of the minute book. The progress is satisfactory and we would recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge.

4. **Sexsmith Lodge:** Generally speaking the books and records of this lodge are in good condition, but would again point to the necessity of placing headings of business in the margin of the minute book. The by-laws have not been copied in the Historical Register. We would recommend that this be done and that they be signed by all the members. As the time required by the Constitution since the lodge was instituted has not been fulfilled your committee therefore recommends that this lodge be continued under dispensation for another year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MARTLAND,
E. G. IRONSIDE,
PRYCE JONES,
ROBERT DOUGLAS,
H. C. GRAHAM,

Committee

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones (144), "That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones (144), "That the lodges whose charters have been granted at this communication be given a vote in Grand Lodge."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Edmonton, June 9, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Benevolence are pleased to be able to report that notwithstanding existing financial conditions there has not been an excessive increase in the number of grants made or amounts expended over last year. The fact remains, however, that the grants in both years exhibit a substantial increase over and above those of all previous years, and are not very much below our available annual income, which this year amounted to \$15,150.02.

The conditions referred to, continue, and there is no immediate improvement visible. Although it is probable that gradual recovery is taking place its effect will not be evident for some time and the strain and stress of the times are sure to be reflected in more and more demands upon us.

The feature of the depression which affects our membership seriously is the number who are being dropped from the pay-rolls of what had been considered as permanent positions in established firms. These people are thrown into the ranks of the unemployed with, in most cases limited resources to call upon, so that many cases of distress may be expected before conditions are adjusted and normal development resumed, which may constitute a serious drain on our resources.

Your committee may have to consider the necessity of placing a limit on the amount granted in any one case or of being compelled to notify the lodges that our income has been exhausted and the grants they have been receiving must be reduced in order to extend aid to others. The situation must be met if we are to assist in cases where the breadwinner is out of employment and has a wife and family to support and very often there is sickness in addition to add to their difficulties. Therefore all lodges in these times should keep careful watch over their finances and endeavor as far as possible to assist their members to keep employed. Some of the lodges have been doing this and they have been successful to some degree in warding off distress.

The committee regrets that they must draw attention to the fact that an increasing number of applications from lodges are made to the committee to take over the entire assistance required to meet a case. The favorite way of expressing it is, "We think this is a case where the

Grand Lodge fund should function." These cases are generally those of members who have left the district in which the lodge is situated, and so have been more or less lost sight of, especially if absent for a considerable length of time. It does seem to the committee that whether these cases are from distant parts or near at home, the lodge concerned should do something themselves, and if unable to do anything of a substantial nature that should not prevent them contributing, however small the amount might be. Remember the widow's mite. If there is any lodge which has got itself into such a condition that it cannot help any of its members in case of need, then such a lodge should be examined and good cause shown for allowing it to retain its charter. In making this criticism we are not unmindful of the very many lodges that carry the Masonic burden cheerfully, meet their responsibilities like men and Masons and keep in touch with their beneficiaries. Not the least part of their charity is the kindly word, the cheerful letter or brotherly visit made. It is not to be wondered at that these lodges are a strength to the Fraternity and an example to the community of which we may be proud.

The committee have had, on more than one occasion, to comment on the fact that lodges are too prone to accept as members material which has not been thoroughly inspected and which becomes a charge upon the lodge and Grand Lodge. It is in times such as we have at present that this fact becomes glaringly apparent. Material which is defective in strength cannot support its share of the fabric into which it is built and thereby becomes a liability, which weakens the whole structure. It was not for nothing that our ancient brothers adopted the rule of the "perfect youth." In those days it was applied in its relation to manual labor, but today the meaning is interpreted in a broader manner and the rule is just as important and even more urgent. The spendthrift good fellow, careless and happy-go-lucky, the shiftless young man who carries on in an aimless way, never taking proper care of his future, and the elderly man who has been a hard-luck case all his life, however moral in their habits, steady as workers and physically fit, are not material for the Masonic edifice. It is from these our burdens are recruited.

We would strongly recommend that one test should be added to our questionnaire, that is, "How much insurance do you carry and for how long have you had it?" If the applicant is a married man, insurance should be insisted on as essential.

Your committee still receives many applications for loans. Sometimes these are from lodges who have borrowed money to build, and others are on behalf of individuals. These have been invariably refused and the reason for not considering a loan explained.

The Relief Fund has again been the means of keeping the wolf of want from many doors, enabling the widow to keep the home together and care for her children. Several cases of serious disability from illness have been aided and much distress has undoubtedly been alleviated by the operation of this fund. For medical attendance, to the honor and credit of a great profession, we have yet to pay a doctor's fee for any case directly in our charge. This is not confined entirely, however, to those of the profession who are members of the Craft, although it is to these members we are indebted as a rule. By the list of beneficiaries given in the Proceedings it will be noted we have a great many widows and children. These are the cases which are carried for a long term of years, and in fact, constitute a permanent charge on the fund, as when a case is cancelled by reason of the children having grown up, we find there are other families to take their place.

In conclusion, your committee desire to express their keen sense of regret in the death of R. W. Bro. W. J. Seed at Vancouver on April 20th. R. W. Bro. Seed was a life member of Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, and P.D.D.G.M. of this jurisdiction. He retired from business in Vermilion and removed first to Edmonton and then to Vancouver, where for some years he has been chairman of their Board of Benevolence and was of the greatest assistance to us in looking after our beneficiaries, of which there are several in that city. He was always ready and willing to visit and cheer the invalid, investigate the condition of an applicant for relief and report from time to time regarding them. In many cases he personally distributed our grants, advising the recipients, helping them to get employment and doing all he could to alleviate their condition. This Grand Lodge and the lodges concerned owed a real debt of gratitude to this worthy brother for his unselfish services so freely given which the committee tried to acknowledge, very inadequately it is true, from time to time. The Grand Master requested the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to arrange for a special representative of this Grand Lodge at his funeral, a duty which was carried out by our Grand Representative, W. Bro. J. H. Greer.

In Winnipeg, our worthy Bro. E. P. Withrow, P.M., has for years supervised the work of the committee there and we often wish we could in some manner suitably recognise his valuable services, which must often be given at personal inconvenience. It is to brethren such as these honor is due.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN GILLESPIE,

Chairman

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

January 31, 1930 to February 1, 1931

Mrs. S. E. B. Widow. Taxes on property \$39.67, and grant of \$30.00 a month.
 Bro. J. B. Unable to work. Has a family of five children to support. Grant of \$140.00.
 Mrs. G. B. Widow with one child to support. Grant \$202.50.
 Bro. L. D. B. Chronic disability. Two children to support. Grant of \$240.00.
 Mrs. H. G. B. Widow with four children. Grant of \$300.00.
 Bro. J. C. Ill with inflammatory rheumatism. Grant of \$300.00.
 Three orphan children of the late Mrs. M. D. C. Grant of \$110.00.
 Mrs. K. C. Widow with five children. Grant of \$300.00.
 Bro. A. C. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$60.00.
 Bro. H. T. C. Widower with incurable disease. Grant of \$120.00.
 Four orphan children of the late Bro. J. C. Grant of \$180.00.
 Bro. S. H. D. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$240.00.
 Mrs. R. F. D. Widow with two small children. Grant of \$50.00.
 Mrs. J. H. D. Widow without means. Grant of \$240.00.
 Bro. A. F. F. Suffering from long illness. Grant of \$392.50.
 Mrs. E. J. F. Aged widow. Grant of \$275.00.
 Bro. J. W. F. Sick and in distress. Grant of \$165.00.
 Mrs. R. G. Widow with two children, without means. Grant of \$312.05

Mrs. G. Widow with four children. Grant of \$150.00.	
Bro. C. S. H. Ill, unable to work. Grant of \$25.00.	
Bro. T. H. Ill with tuberculosis of spine. Grant of \$200.00.	
Mrs. S. H. Aged widow disabled. Grant of \$180.00.	
Mrs. C. E. H. Widow. Temporary grant \$25.00.	
Bro. A. E. H. Widower, ill for some time. Grant of \$412.50.	
Bro. E. J. Chronic disability. Grant of \$320.00.	
Mrs. S. J. Aged Widow. Grant of \$290.00.	
Mrs. W. J. Deserted by husband. One child. Grant of \$300.00.	
Mrs. L. K. Widow without means. Grant of \$250.00.	
Mrs. O. M. K. Widow with sick child. Grant of \$105.00.	
Mrs. R. K. Widow with one child. Grant of \$180.00.	
Bro. A. C. L. Serious illness. Grant of \$600.00.	
Mrs. I. M. Widow with three children. Grant of \$182.20.	
Bro. A. M. Brother with family in distress. Grant of \$60.00.	
Mrs. J. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$300.00.	
Bro. H. M. Aged brother and wife. Grant of \$250.00.	
Mrs. M. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$135.00.	
Mrs. I. McC. Widow with two children. Grant of \$240.00.	
Mrs. E. McC. Widow without means. Grant of \$574.52.	
Mrs. F. S. McC. Widow. Grant of \$225.00.	
Mrs. L. McC. Widow with one child. Grant of \$190.00.	
Mrs. I. M. McL. Widow with three children. Grant of \$225.00.	
Bro. G. N. Invalid brother without means. Grant of \$80.00.	
Bro. A. H. P. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$20.00.	
Bro. D. J. P. Seriously ill. Grant of \$100.00.	
Bro. J. N. R. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$602.65.	
Bro. J. C. R. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$150.00.	
Bro. P. R. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$300.00.	
Mrs. D. R. R. Widow without means. Grant of \$240.00.	
Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Aged couple. Grant of \$200.00.	
Bro. J. S. Disabled. Grant of \$100.00.	
Bro. T. F. G. S. Ill in hospital. Grant of \$87.50	
Bro. J. N. S. Long illness. Grant of \$245.00.	
Bro. W. E. T. Ill. Wife and two children to support. Grant of \$200.00.	
Bro. F. W. Ill. Four small children. Grant of \$180.00.	
Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. D. W. Grant of \$500.00.	
Bro. T. E. W. Ill. Wife and two children to support. Grant of \$100.00.	
Mrs. S. E. W. Aged widow. Grant of \$240.00.	
Special Christmas grant, \$5.00.	
Total.....	\$12,796.90

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, June 10, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee are pleased to find that the Grand Master has found such harmonious and happy conditions prevailing throughout the lodges and the Craft in this Province during the year which has just passed under his guidance and direction. We are pleased that the Grand Master has been able to attend all the district meetings and many other special meetings arranged by lodges to receive a message from

him. We know that these meetings have been largely attended and that from one end of this jurisdiction to the other the ideals of the brethren have been elevated, their zeal stimulated and their efforts increased toward the greater realization in every day life of our basic Masonic principles.

We desire to congratulate the Grand Master in closing a very successful year under the very auspicious circumstances under which this annual communication is being held and particularly upon the large numbers who are in attendance under the existing financial and business conditions.

Your committee desire to associate themselves with the Grand Master in the appropriate reference made by him to the loss we have sustained during the year in the death of two highly esteemed Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, as well as his sympathetic reference to similar losses sustained by other Grand Jurisdictions.

We heartily agree with the Grand Master that the present days are a testing time for the Masonic fraternity as giving an opportunity to demonstrate the value of our principles by affording occasions for practising these tenets in our daily lives even more fully and effectively perhaps than at any time in the past. We desire, if anything which might be said by this committee would have such effect, to emphasize to the Craft the very great importance, as pointed out by the Grand Master, of every lodge exercising the greatest care in the reception of new candidates into our Fraternity, and we strongly endorse the observations of the Grand Master in this point.

We heartily agree with the Grand Master that our District Meetings should be utilized even more fully and intensively than in the past in bringing to the members of the Craft in each district, and particularly to the officers of lodges, instruction not only in general knowledge of Masonic principles, but also in the particular fields of study of our Constitution, Masonic customs and usages, and the correct exemplification of the Work.

We approve the recommendation of the Grand Master for a ceremonial for opening and closing District Meetings. Our District Meeting has been an evolution from the Lodge of Instruction, and the adoption of such a ceremonial would give a definite status to the District Meeting.

We approve the action taken by the Grand Master in the matter of granting and with-holding dispensations for the formation of new lodges.

We find that the Grand Master in granting the five dispensations for the various purposes referred to in his address, as well as in refusing six applications for dispensations similarly enumerated, has acted within his constitutional powers and we approve the reasons therefor as mentioned in his address.

We concur with the Grand Master in the two instances cited by him of refusal to confirm and approve amendments to By-laws and agree with his reasons therefor.

We strongly endorse the request of the Grand Master that the brethren receiving chain letters or chain prayers should strictly ignore the requests contained therein and exercise their Masonic principles to the exclusion of superstition.

Your committee concurs in the several rulings made by the Grand Master as reported in his address. We find the ultimate decision in

each of these rulings in accordance with our Constitutional laws and Masonic usages and customs, although in some instances perhaps, some of the grounds given for the decisions might be a matter of debate.

We very heartily approve and endorse the action of the Grand Master in taking the initiative in the matter of celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our Grand Lodge. We believe his action in this respect was highly appropriate and of real importance to the Craft. Throughout the world at large we find Masons celebrating outstanding anniversaries and in every instance it appears that these anniversary occasions are a source of inspiration, not only to the Grand Lodge officers but also to the individual lodges, their officers and members. We heartily congratulate the Grand Master on the success of this celebration of our 25th Anniversary as a Grand Lodge. We note with regret that R. W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, to whose presence on that occasion the Grand Master made appreciative reference, has passed to his reward within the past few days.

We desire to associate ourselves with the Grand Master in extending congratulations to the brethren of the City of Edmonton upon their splendid achievement in erecting this beautiful building in which we are meeting today and we congratulate the Grand Master that the fruition of the hopes held for many years by the Edmonton brethren has occurred during his regime as Grand Master. It seems highly appropriate that the laying of the corner stone and the dedication of this Temple should be carried out by our Grand Master, who for so many years was one of the leading Masonic figures in the Capital City.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. BOTTERILL,
H. P. REID,
F. S. SELWOOD,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Edmonton, June 10, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Research and Education beg leave to submit their report.

A revival of interest in the circulating libraries, as mentioned in the Grand Librarian's Report, is noted with pleasure. We heartily approve of the Grand Librarian's suggestion for the renewal of such sets as were damaged by the fire, but we recommend that such take place as and when funds are available for the purpose.

Those members who attended the 25th Anniversary will recognise the necessity for a history of our Grand Lodge, especially as time

is speeding on, and while we have yet those amongst us who are in a position to furnish the material. The preparation of such a history would entail a considerable amount of time and expense in travelling around the province and it is the opinion of your committee that some allocation should be made towards the expense, and would request the Grand Master make such appointment as may be necessary to get this important work under way.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), "That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHANGE OF DATE OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Edmonton, June 10, 1931

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee appointed to investigate the proposed change of date for the annual communication of Grand Lodge, begs to report that in its opinion, all things considered, there is no object in changing dates and therefore recommends that the present dates be retained.

Fraternally submitted,

H. P. REID,
G. E. CRUICKSHANK,
A. M. MITCHELL,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That the Report of the Special Committee on change of date of the annual communication, be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

Edmonton, June 9, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Owing to existing financial conditions, the past year has been one of anxiety to your committee. We were faced with probable reduced revenue in our General Account, and little hope of reducing expenditure, and consequently having to report to this communication of Grand Lodge a larger deficit than was reported a year ago. We are pleased

to state, however, that while our revenue for the past year shows a decrease of 02.47 cents per capita on a membership of 14,226, our expenditure also shows a decrease of 04.65 cents per capita, leaving a deficit for the past year of \$956.56 as compared with \$1,728.52 for the previous year. Two items of expense—Grand Lodge Twenty-fifth Anniversary expense, \$302.43, and expenses last Grand Lodge Communication \$787.95—amount to \$1,090.38, or \$133.82 more than the deficit for the year. The first item of expense will not occur again in many years, and your committee is of the opinion that the second item should be very materially reduced, and specifically recommends that the practice of granting sums for the entertainment of delegates to Grand Lodge be abandoned.

Meetings of your committee were held regularly on the second Tuesday of each month during the past year, and careful consideration given to all matters under its jurisdiction. All accounts were reviewed before payment was authorized and every effort made to keep expenses at a minimum.

The following Financial Statements showing the transactions of Grand Lodge for the twelve months ending January 31st, 1931, are presented herewith. These statements have been printed and copies distributed to the brethren attending this communication:

Balance Sheet as at January 31, 1931:

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 12 months ending January 31, 1931:

Of General Fund,

Relief Fund

Benevolent Capital Fund.

Also Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the last five years.

Your committee has discontinued the practice of submitting additional Statements of Revenue and Expenditure for period February 1st to May 31st in each year, as these figures will be included in the next year's Financial Statements and complaints have been made that inclusion of this statement is somewhat confusing. The books of Grand Lodge, however, have been audited to May 31st, 1931, and the cash balance on hand at that date were as follows:

General Fund.....	\$4,361.73
Relief Fund.....	5,750.67
Benevolent Fund.....	1,550.21

Balance Sheet: The Balance Sheet as at January 31, 1931, shows Grand Lodge to be in excellent financial position. Total assets of all funds now amount to \$193,238.24, as compared with \$183,346.39 as at January 31, 1930—an increase of \$9,891.85 during the year. Of these assets 8 per cent are in cash and 85 per cent in Provincial and Municipal bonds. All payments and interest from sale of property have been promptly made and this item now stands at the small sum of \$150.00. A year ago it was \$2,000.00. Balances due from subordinate lodges are \$526.55 greater than a year ago. A reduction of 603.00 is shown in the value of books, stationery and supplies on hand. Furniture and Fixtures show a reduced value of \$331.00 and Regalia an increased value of \$74.00 due to replacements. It is pleasing to note that the item Sundry Loans, which was shown in the last Balance Sheet at \$350.00, was reduced during the year to \$100.00, and since January 31st last to \$50.00. Grand Lodge has no liabilities to the public. There is, however, \$3,433.79 due from the General Fund to the Benevolent Capital Fund.

Revenue: All the principal items of revenue show a decrease during the past year. Increases are shown in fees for dispensations and Life Membership, also Regalia sales and fines.

Expenditure: Office expense shows a reduction of \$239.45 for the year and six other items of expense show a reduction of \$2,839.23. Increases are shown only in the items of Grand Lodge expense—\$38.42, and the expenses of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary—\$302.43. The sum of \$435.73 was written off Furniture and Regalia as compared with \$417.02 the previous year. Special Grants amounting to \$75.00 were made as compared with \$550.00 the previous year.

Relief Fund: This account shows total Revenue of \$15,185.06 as compared with \$15,068.65 the previous year, an increase of \$116.41. Payments to this fund from Grand Lodge dues show a reduction of \$94.91. From Investments, etc., \$8,276.16 as compared with \$7,684.89 the previous year, an increase of \$591.27. The average return on our bond investments for the year was 4.91 per cent. 582 payments to 58 beneficiaries, amounting to \$12,796.09 were made from this fund as compared with \$12,605.34 the previous year.

Benevolent Capital Fund: Payments to this fund during the year amounted to \$13,760.32 as compared with \$9,508.97 the previous year. The amount of this fund is now \$161,850.56, an increase for the year of \$6,700.57. During the past year Dominion Government Bonds maturing in 1933-4 to the amount of \$35,500.00 were exchanged for City of Calgary Bonds of long term maturity. The profit on this transaction was \$1,500.00, which was reinvested in long term Municipal Bonds.

Tenders for the printing of the Annual Proceedings were asked from printers in Edmonton and Calgary. The lowest tender received was from The Albertan Job Press, Calgary, which was accepted.

The lease from the Calgary Masonic Temple Ltd., of Grand Lodge offices expired on December 31, 1930. For some months previous to the expiry of the lease, negotiations were conducted with the Calgary Masonic Temple Ltd., for a renewal. These negotiations have been completed for the renewal of our lease for a period of five years from January 1, 1931, at a yearly rental of \$1,140.00, payable \$95.00 monthly. This lease is submitted herewith from the approval of Grand Lodge, and we recommend its completion by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the seal of Grand Lodge.

During the past year we celebrated by Special Communication the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. We would recommend that a record of the proceedings of this communication be included in the Annual Report of this Grand Lodge.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that all notices of resolutions for the expenditure of moneys made at a communication of Grand Lodge must be introduced on the first day of the communication and submitted to the Committee on Finance for investigation and report before being voted upon by Grand Lodge, the same to be noted on the notice of Grand Lodge meetings.

The matter of the responsibility of the Grand Lodge for debts incurred by subordinate lodges has been before your committee on

several occasions and, in order to clear up the matter, your committee has obtained a legal opinion from Messrs. McGillivray, Helman, Mahaffy & Smith, Barristers, Calgary. After going carefully into the matter this firm advises us that there is no liability on the part of Grand Lodge for any debts contracted by subordinate lodges.

In accordance with the recommendation made by this committee at the last communication of Grand Lodge, in order to balance our Budget, a Notice of Motion has been given increasing the dues per capita from \$1.50 per annum to \$1.75 per annum, 75 cents of which shall be paid to the General Fund. Also that there shall be a registration fee paid to Grand Lodge of \$1.00 for members within this jurisdiction affiliating and \$5.00 from members from foreign jurisdictions affiliating, \$4.00 of this latter amount to be paid to the Benevolent Capital Fund.

Our supply of semi-annual return forms having been exhausted, your committee delegated R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, on the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, to redraft the form so as to be more easily handled by lodge Secretaries. This revised form is submitted herewith and recommended for adoption by Grand Lodge. The thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes for the excellent manner in which he performed this work.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding, Grand Tyler, be paid \$20.00 and travelling expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge.

In view of the serious financial depression prevailing, and which is likely to continue for some time, a further decrease in revenue may be expected during the current year, and we again urge upon Grand Lodge their very careful consideration of any resolutions at this time which will entail the expenditure of moneys from the General Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and their recommendations considered *seriatim*."

It was moved by W. Bro. G. E. Blake (51), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the paragraph in the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance, which deals with the legal opinion in reference to the responsibility of Grand Lodge for the debts of subordinate lodges, be printed in italics or some other distinctive type, and that a note be appended informing lodges that a full copy of this opinion can be obtained through the proper channels."

The motion on being put was declared "Lost."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. T. Newbigging (56), seconded by W. Bro. W. A. Morgan (7), "That all reference in the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance, to the legal opinion submitted, be deleted."

The motion on being put to the meeting was declared "Lost."

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R. W. bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be now adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Edmonton, June 10, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has carefully studied the Report of the Grand Secretary and note with pleasure that the work of his office is being carried on with the usual efficiency.

We regret that it was found necessary to fine some lodges for delinquency in making returns to Grand Lodge, and we would again point out to lodge secretaries the necessity of rendering returns promptly.

We agree with the opinion of the Grand Secretary that copies of the Work are being distributed too freely among those entitled to receive them, and that the practice of presenting copies to Past Masters by their lodges, should be discontinued.

We agree with his recommendation that Grand Lodge Regalia, which is worn out, should be replaced.

We wish to congratulate the Grand Secretary on the continued pleasant relations and feeling of mutual goodwill which exists between his office and the constituent lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

G. E. CRUICKSHANK,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Edmonton, June 10, 1931.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

This Grand Lodge has received requests for fraternal recognition from the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia, the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro and the Grand Lodge of Parahyba, the latter two Grand Bodies being located in Brazil.

Your committee has carefully considered these requests and the information forwarded in support thereof and recommend that this Grand Lodge extend fraternal recognition to the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia. This Grand Lodge meets our requirements and has been recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland and also by many of the older Grand Jurisdictions of the United States.

We would recommend that action on the other requests mentioned be deferred, pending receipt of fuller information.

Your committee is pleased to report that the fraternal relations between this Grand Lodge and all other Grand Bodies recognized by it are of the most cordial and friendly nature.

Your committee have reviewed the annual Proceedings of over sixty jurisdictions and recommend these be printed in the Proceedings of this Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock p.m.

Second Day = = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.00 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

The following motions of which due notice was given were then considered:

1. By R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14):

That Sections 117 to 121, inclusive, of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Section 117: "There shall be a permanent committee of this Grand Lodge, which shall consist of ten members (five for each Rite), who shall be elected by Grand Lodge from various districts and shall be designated 'Committees of the Work.' They shall hold office during the pleasure of Grand Lodge."

Section 118: "The whole committee shall have authority to decide upon the correct and proper practice to be observed in all ceremonials."

Section 119: "The Committee on the Work known as the 'Canadian' shall have authority to enforce the practice of the Standard Work authorized by Grand Lodge, in all the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction practising this Rite, also to decide upon anything in the carrying out of Degree Work not actually covered by the Work or Constitution."

Section 119a: "The Committee on the work known as the 'York' shall have authority to enforce the practice of the Standard Work authorized by Grand Lodge, in all the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction practising this Rite, also to decide upon anything in the carrying out of Degree Work not actually covered by the Work or Constitution."

Section 120: "A member of each Committee (Canadian and York) shall attend every District Meeting. They shall give no decisions or rulings upon any points not already agreed to by their respective committees, but shall refer any such to these committees, whose decisions shall be communicated to the several D.D.G.M.'s with directions to instruct the lodges accordingly."

Section 120a: "The committees shall make no changes, additions or eliminations to the Rituals, but if such appear to them desirable, they shall cause resolutions to be put forward, in accordance with the Constitution, for action by Grand Lodge at the subsequent Annual Communication. The Committee shall regularly meet the day before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

Section 121: "The actual expenses of the members, when in attendance at a District Meeting, shall be paid by Grand Lodge."

A lengthy discussion followed and amendments proposed, none of which seemed to be satisfactory to Grand Lodge, and it was finally

resolved, on motion of W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28), seconded by V. W. Bro. J. Brown (9), "That consideration of this motion be deferred until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

2. By R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14):

That Section 67 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"He shall notify all lodges when sending Secretaries forms for semi-annual returns of all expelled, suspended and restored members and of all rejected applicants for the six months previous."

3. By R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14):

That Section 177 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all after the word "provided" in the fourth line thereof.

4. By R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14):

That Section 206 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all after the words "Grand Master" in the eighth line thereof, and adding "(See Section 177)."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. W. Hilton (92), "That consideration of these motions to amend the Constitution, be deferred until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

5. By M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, on behalf of the Finance Committee; in accordance with the recommendation approved by Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication:

That Section 132 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

By deleting the word "two" in the last clause thereof and substituting the word "four."

By adding the following clause:

"For every affiliate within this jurisdiction, one dollar registration fee, and for every affiliate coming from a foreign jurisdiction, a fee of \$5.00 be paid, \$4.00 of which shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund."

That Section 133 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the figures "\$1.50" and substituting therefor the figures "\$1.75," and deleting all after the word "annum" in fourth line, and substituting the following: "seventy-five cents of which shall be paid to the General Fund, fifty cents shall be set aside for relief purposes and fifty cents for the purpose of increasing Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge."

An amendment was moved by R. W. Bro. J. T. McCreath (90), seconded by W. Bro. C. H. Adshead (21), "That a straight affiliation fee of \$5.00 be charged, \$3.00 of which to be credited to the Benevolent Fund."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was declared "lost."

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), seconded by W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), "That the motion to amend Section 133 of the Constitution be amended to read, \$1.70 in the second line thereof instead of \$1.75, and in the third lines to read seventy cents instead of seventy-five cents."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was declared "carried."

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), "That the amendment to Section 132 of the Constitution be adopted as read, and that the amendment to Section 133 of the Constitution be adopted as amended."

It was then resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by W. Bro. D. McFarlane (59), "That Sections 132 and 133 of the Constitution, as amended, shall not apply to the returns made by lodges for the year 1931, but shall be in force thereafter."

6. By M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, on behalf of the Finance Committee:

That the following be added to the regulations governing trials by commission:

"That the costs of any trial commission, appointed by the Grand Master, shall be paid by the lodge requesting such commission."

The motion on being put to the meeting was declared "carried."

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), "That M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher be reappointed Custodian of the York Work and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis as custodian of the Canadian Work for the ensuing twelve months."

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. N. W. Allin (34), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. R. Ennis (34), "That this Grand Lodge go on record as not being opposed to lodges attending Church Services in regalia."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by W. M. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That all brethren wearing regalia at Church Services appear only in lambskin or plain white aprons."

The motion on being put to the meeting was declared "lost."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That a hearty vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the brethren of the Edmonton lodges for their generous hospitality and entertainment of Grand Lodge."

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), "That the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee regarding the Past Grand Masters' Association, mentioned in the Grand Masters' Address, and that they report at the next Annual Communication."

R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9) requested permission to bring to the attention of Grand Lodge a matter that had for some time past been discussed by the Committee on Benevolence of Grand Lodge. This committee has to depend on brethren in other jurisdictions for reliable reports and investigations regarding their beneficiaries. These brethren serve without fee or reward and have been of inestimable value to this Grand Lodge. One of these has recently passed away in the person of R. W. Bro. W. J. Seed, of Vancouver. There is another worthy brother, W. Bro. E. P. Withrow, residing in Winnipeg and a member of a lodge in that city, who has served as a representative for the Benevolent Committee for many years. He has kept close touch with our beneficiaries, wherever situated in that city, visiting them frequently and keeping the committee informed as to their condition. It is the feeling of the Benevolent Committee that his unselfish work should be recognised by this Grand Lodge and R. W. Bro. Ireland moved, seconded

by R. W. Bro. J. Gillespie (1), "That the rank of Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden be conferred on this brother." Carried unanimously and with applause.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), seconded by W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), "That a letter of sympathy and condolence be sent to the relatives of the late R. W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden."

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by W. Bro. D. Hope (1), "That M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton having been requested by the Chairman of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Carolina to write a brief history of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, should undertake the same, but should submit his article to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education before publication."

It was moved by W. Bro. H. E. Manning (114), seconded by R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones (144), "That should an invitation to attend a conference of the Grand Masters of the United States be extended to the Grand Master, he be authorized to carry the greetings and best wishes of this Grand Lodge to such conference."

After discussion, it was agreed to leave this matter in the hands of the incoming Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. C. B. Oakley (107), "That a message of sympathy and flowers be sent to M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald who has been ill for some months."

ELECTION OF D.D.G.M. OF MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 2

The members of lodges in District No. 2 having been directed by the Grand Master to elect a D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, in place of W. Bro. E. L. Stone, who had resigned, after his election at the District Meeting, a report was presented by R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams (2), announcing that they had selected W. Bro. Samuel Tilley Fawcett of Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, Medicine Hat, and recommended his appointment as D.D.G.M. of District No 2 for the ensuing year. The Grand Master was pleased to confirm the election.

PLACE OF MEETING

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. R. D. Clark (1), seconded by W. Bro. D. Hope (1), "That the next meeting of this Grand Lodge be held in the City of Calgary."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. S. Harris, R. W. Bro. F. R. Falconer, W. Bro. H. E. Howard, and W. Bro. Geo. Young, a board of scrutineers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 374 members present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 571 consisting of 150 W.M.'s, 49 S.W.'s, 50 J. W.'s, 243 P. M.'s and 99 Proxies.

128 Chartered Lodges and 3 Lodges U.D. are represented.

25 Chartered Lodges and 1 Lodge U.D. are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

Fraternally submitted,

SAM J. BLAIR,
Chairman.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River.....	2	1		4		7
2.	Medicine Hat.....	3			2		5
3.	Alberta.....				1	3	4
4.	North Star.....	3			4		7
5.	Cascade.....				1	3	4
6.	Spitzie.....				1		1
7.	Edmonton.....	1	1	1	10		13
8.	Innisfail.....				2		2
9.	Perfection.....	3			5		8
10.	Eureka.....	3			4		7
11.	Acacia.....	2		1	6		9
12.	Red Deer.....	3			1		4
13.	Victoria.....				1		1
14.	Jasper.....	1	1	1	8		11
15.	Wetaskiwin.....				4		4
16.	Mountain View.....	3			3		6
17.	Nanton.....						
18.	Britannia.....		3		4		7
19.	Cornerstone.....	3			1		4
20.	Carstairs.....	2	1		1		4
21.	King Hiram.....	2	1		4		7
22.	Corinthian.....	3					3
23.	Calgary.....	3			1		4
24.	Vermilion.....				4		4
25.	St. John's.....	1	1	1	3		6
26.	Sentinel.....	3			1		4
27.	Apollo.....	2		1	3		6
28.	Ashlar.....	3			3		6
29.	Kenilworth.....	2	1		3		6
30.	Summit.....	3					3
31.	Doric.....						
32.	Cairo.....	3					3
33.	Stavely.....	3					3
34.	Star of the West.....	2	1		3		6
35.	Mizpah.....				2	3	5
36.	Gleichen.....					3	3

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
37.	Camrose.....		3				3
38.	Hope.....	1	1	1	3		6
39.	Lethbridge.....	3			1		4
40.	Joppa.....				1		1
41.	King Solomon.....					3	3
42.	Bowden.....		3				3
43.	Tuscan.....	3			1		4
44.	Buffalo Park.....			3	2		5
45.	Ionic.....						
46.	Palestine.....	3			2		5
47.	Chinook.....		3		1		4
48.	Crossfield.....			3			3
49.	Robert Burns.....				1	3	4
50.	Comet.....	2		1			3
51.	Unity.....	1	1	1	6		9
53.	Strathmore.....				1	3	4
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	3					3
55.	Bassano.....					3	3
56.	Beaver.....				4	3	7
57.	Grassy Lake.....						
58.	Chief Mountain.....			3	4		7
59.	King George.....	2	1		2		5
60.	Acme.....						
61.	Provost.....			3	2		5
62.	Coal.....						
63.	Empire.....	2	1		6		9
64.	Bow Island.....						
65.	Diamond City.....				1	3	4
66.	St. Andrew's.....		3				3
67.	Charity.....	3					3
68.	Edson.....	2		1	1		4
69.	Connaught.....				1	3	4
70.	Quarry.....	3					3
71.	Tawatinaw.....	3			2		5
72.	Coronation.....				2	3	5
73.	Brooks.....				1	3	4
74.	Vulcan.....				1	3	4
75.	Harmony.....				5	3	8
76.	Fidelity.....				4		4
77.	Strathcona.....	2		1	7		10
78.	Hanna.....					3	3
79.	Morning Star.....	3			1		4
80.	Excelsior.....			3	1		4
81.	Commercial.....	2		1	2		5
82.	Acadia.....	2	1		2		5
83.	Zetland.....			3	5		8
84.	Champion.....	3					3
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	3			2		5
87.	Crescent.....				1	3	4
88.	Wahpun.....				2		2
89.	Peace River.....					3	3
90.	Norwood.....	2	1		3		6
91.	Patricia.....	1	1	1	10		13
92.	Saskatchewan.....	1	1	1	3		6
93.	Symbol.....						
94.	Lamont.....	3			1		4
95.	Kitchener.....						
96.	Dynamic.....	1	1	1	6		9

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
97.	Albion				2		2
98.	Hand Hill						
100.	Verdigris		3				3
101.	West Edmonton	1	1	1	2		5
102.	Edgerton					3	3
103.	Foremost	3			1		4
104.	Oyen			3	1		4
105.	Grande Prairie				1		1
106.	Lake Saskatoon						
107.	Carbon				1	3	4
108.	Pyramid						
109.	Ancient Landmark				1		1
110.	Kilwinning				1		1
111.	Nobleford						
112.	Victory			3	1		4
113.	Cyprus						
114.	Westlock	2	1		4		7
115.	Crocus						
116.	Spirit River						
117.	Dominion	2		1	3		6
118.	St. Mark's	2	1		3		6
119.	York	3			1		4
120.	Monitor						
121.	Clive				1	3	4
122.	Rising Sun			3			3
123.	Rockyford	3					3
124.	Concord				1	3	4
125.	Cavell				1		1
126.	Pembina					3	3
127.	Granite						
128.	Forestburg	1	1	1	1		4
129.	Meridian				4		4
130.	Hussar						
131.	Kitscoty						
132.	Craigmyle						
133.	Manyberries					3	3
134.	Renfrew	3			1		4
135.	Alliance				2	3	5
136.	Cresset						
137.	Irricana				1	3	4
138.	Onoway			3	1		4
139.	Melrose						
140.	Big Valley				1	3	4
141.	Efficiency	2		1			3
142.	Ivanhoe	2	1		4		7
143.	Jasper Park				2	3	5
144.	Gratton				1	3	4
145.	St. Alban's		3		2		5
146.	Drumheller	3			1		4
147.	Northland						
148.	Mayerthorpe				1	3	4
149.	Rosebud				1	3	4
150.	Donalda		3		1		4
151.	Lochearn	3			1		4
152.	Standard					3	3
153.	Whitecourt					3	3
154.	Waskatenau		2	1			3
155.	Earl Haig	3			1		4

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
156.	Hythe.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Sharon.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
U.D.	Berry Creek.....	1	1	1	..	..	3
U.D.	Lucerne.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
U.D.	Sexsmith.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
		150	49	50	243	99	591

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), "That the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and at this communication of the Grand Lodge, and whose election was confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1931

M. W. Bro. George W. Kerby (83).....	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35).....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. John Martland (63).....	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes (83).....	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23).....	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowle (51).....	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. William G. White (88).....	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. P. Fielding (38).....	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Ross (87).....	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Samuel T. Fawcett (35).....	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Richard G. Thomson (51).....	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Arthur Sayers (18).....	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Norman B. Anderson (135).....	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. William Dobson (19).....	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Thomas R. Davidson (39).....	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Archibald G. M. Swart (47).....	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Arthur C. Moore (56).....	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Bull (63).....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Chas. H. Messinger (49).....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robert H. Lyttle (77).....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts (106).....	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Murdo S. Macleod (78).....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Hans Nicholson (137).....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. William R. Fulton (146).....	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. William J. Fleming (96).....	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. J. Gillespie (1).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28).....	Calgary

R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88)	High Prairie
R. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (11)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman (91)	Edmonton
W. Bro. Wm. Coote (34)	Leduc

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. John Gillespie (1)	Calgary
M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28)	Calgary
M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14)	Edmonton

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. George Hazlett (11)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Harry C. Neal (77)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. John A. Bell (23)	Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. Geoffrey E. Blake (51)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. Andrew Sherrit (65)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Walter N. Crooks (38)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Robert Calder (2)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. James Malloch (129)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Morrison J. Rogers (133)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Robert Paterson (31)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. C. S. B. Lait (134)	Grand Pursuivant

The newly elected officers present were duly installed and the appointed officers invested by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Past Grand Master, assisted by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Past Grand Master.

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Immediate Past Grand Master, with a set of Past Grand Master's regalia. M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden expressed in fitting terms his appreciation of the gift.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-sixth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 6:35 o'clock p.m. with prayer.



Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1931

M.W. Bro. George W. Kerby (83).....	Grand Master
Mount Royal College, Calgary	
R.W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35).....	Deputy Grand Master
Medicine Hat	
R.W. Bro. Joseph H. Ross (87).....	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
204 27th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Samuel T. Fawcett (35) Medicine Hat....	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Richard G. Thomson (51).....	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
10617 128th Street, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Arthur Sayers (18), Ponoka.....	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Norman B. Anderson (135), Alliance.....	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William Dobson (19), High River.....	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Thomas R. Davidson (39), Coalhurst.....	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Archibald G. M. Swart (47), Cowley.....	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Arthur C. Moore (56), Castor.....	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Bull (63).....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
10433 Saskatchewan Drive, Edmonton	
R.W. Bro. Chas. H. Messinger (49), Carmangay.....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Robert H. Lyttle (77).....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
10545 79th Avenue, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts (106), Wembley.....	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Murdo S. Macleod (78), Hanna.....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Hans Nicholson (137), Irricana.....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William R. Fulton (146), Drumheller.....	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William J. Fleming (96), Holden.....	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Martland (63).....	Senior Grand Warden
9618 105th Street, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes (83).....	Junior Grand Warden
326 40th Avenue W., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23).....	Grand Treasurer
527 18th Avenue W., Calgary.	
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowle (51).....	Grand Registrar
9928 109th Street, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. William G. White (88), High Prairie.....	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. George Hazlett (11).....	Senior Grand Deacon
11111 81st Avenue, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. Harry C. Neal (77).....	Junior Grand Deacon
8955 84th Avenue, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. John A. Bell (23).....	Grand Organist
609 22nd Avenue W., Calgary.	
V.W. Bro. Geoffrey E. Blake (51).....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
R.C.M.P. Barracks, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. Andrew Sherrit (65), Coalhurst.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Walter N. Crooks (38), Mannville.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Robert Calder (2), Medicine Hat.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. James Malloch (129), Stony Plain.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Morrison J. Rogers (133), Manyberries.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Robert Paterson (31), Taber.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. C. S. B. Lait (134).....	Grand Pursuivant
239 15th Avenue N.W., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding, (38), Mulga.....	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President.....	R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock
Vice-President.....	R.W. Bro. J. Martland
Secretary.....	M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE**Honorary Past Grand Masters**

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton	Deloraine, Man.
M.W. Bro. George W. Kerby (83), Grand Master	Calgary
And the following Past Grand Masters:	
M.W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald (1)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1)	Belize, Honduras
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3)	Macleod
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4)	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37)	London, Ont.
M.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58)	Cardston
M.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91)	Ponoka
R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), Deputy Grand Master	Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. John Martland (63), Senior Grand Warden	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes (83), Junior Grand Warden	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Grand Treasurer	Calgary
R.W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowle (51), Grand Registrar	Edmonton

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	High Prairie
R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Andrew Davison (59)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Edwin G. Ironside (23)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Charles G. Flavin (11)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Jesse Elliott (2)	Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (11)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. D. D. Penman (91)	Edmonton
W. Bro. Harry C. Graham (119)	Lethbridge
W. Bro. George T. French (28)	Calgary
W. Bro. Wm. Coote (34)	Leduc

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**Sub-Committees:**

Jurisprudence—M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), Convenor, and all other Past Grand Masters.

Grievances and Appeals—M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), Convenor; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4); M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29); R. W. Bro.

R. G. Thomson (51); R. W. Bro. Wm. Dobson (19); R. W. Bro. M. S. Macleod (78); R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14); R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83); R. W. Bro. C. G. Flavin (11).

Condition of Masonry—R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), Convenor; M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14); M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26); M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58); M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91); R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83); R. W. Bro. A. Sayers (18); R. W. Bro. A. G. M. Swart (47); R. W. Bro. A. C. Moore (56); R. W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle (77); R. W. Bro. J. Gillespie (1); R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88); R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman (91).

Finance—M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Convenor; M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14); M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77); M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6); R. W. Bro. John Martland (63); R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83); R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59); R. W. Bro. W. J. Fleming (96); R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28); R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts (106); R. W. Bro. A. Davison (59); R. W. Bro. T. R. Davidson (39); R. W. Bro. J. H. Ross (87); R. W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowie (51); W. Bro. Wm. Coote (34); W. Bro. Geo. T. French (28.).

Foreign Relations and Correspondence—M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Convenor; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4); M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14); M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77); R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23); R. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (11); W. Bro. H. C. Graham (119).

Masonic Research and Education—R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), Convenor; M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28); M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91); R. W. Bro. J. Martland (63); R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59); R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14); R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63); R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman (91); W. Bro. Wm. Coote (34).

Charters and New Lodges—R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), Convenor; R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9); R. W. Bro. N. B. Anderson (135); R. W. Bro. J. H. Ross (87); R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63); R. W. Bro. J. Gillespie (1); R. W. Bro. H. Nicholson (137).

Credentials and Reception—M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Convenor; R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88); R. W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett (35); R. W. Bro. R. G. Thomson (51); R. W. Bro. A. Sayers (18); R. W. Bro. N. B. Anderson (135); R. W. Bro. Wm. Dobson (19); R. W. Bro. T. R. Davidson (39); R. W. Bro. A. G. M. Swart (47); R. W. Bro. A. C. Moore (56); R. W. Bro. C. H. Messinger (49); R. W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle (77); R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts (106); R. W. Bro. M. S. Macleod (78); R. W. Bro. H. Nicholson (137); R. W. Bro. W. R. Fulton (146); R. W. Bro. W. J. Fleming (96).

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Secretary



JUDGE HEDLEY C. TAYLOR
Past Grand Master

In Memoriam

HEDLEY C. TAYLOR

Again within a brief period we have to notify the Craft of the passing of another of our Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Hedley C. Taylor, senior District Court Judge of the Province and the third Grand Master to rule this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our M. W. Brother, having been seriously ill, had gone to Victoria, B.C., to convalesce, was stricken by an attack of pneumonia and died on the 23rd of February, 1931.

M. W. Bro. Hedley C. Taylor was born at Sheffield, New Brunswick, on September 20, 1864. Passing his boyhood there in the Public and High Schools, he entered Mt. Allison University and graduated in 1887. He then took up the study of law at Ann Arbor University, receiving the degree of L.L.B. in 1891 and was called to the bar of his native province, but in the same year came west and settled in Edmonton. Here he became a member of the firm of Taylor and Taylor and subsequently senior partner of the firm of Taylor, Boyle and Parlee. In 1907 he was appointed Judge of the District Court and was held in high esteem by his colleagues of the Bench and the legal profession of which he was an eminent member.

Having the highest ideals of public service and honor, he was most conscientious in the discharge of his duties, which were exercised with firmness but in that spirit of fairness which is always associated with the thought of British justice. He always remembered that "the quality of mercy is never strained," and his very human sympathy never failed to elicit confidence.

Coming to Edmonton in its early days, when the machinery of our civilization was being assembled in the West and many parts found wanting in adaptability to our needs and others having to be improvised to meet new conditions, his fellow citizens found him ready and willing to assist in the building of the new community. He threw himself energetically into that work and educational, religious, fraternal and other bodies benefited greatly by his activities on their behalf. The mere recital of offices held, outside of his profession, indicates his wide interests and the esteem in which he was held, for he never sought office for its own sake.

For twelve years he was on the Edmonton School Board and for seventeen years he was Chairman of the Alberta College Board. He also served on the Board of Governors and the Senate of the University of Alberta. He was Chairman of the Edmonton Police Commission

and a prominent member and trustee of McDougall Church. These positions called for the sacrifice of time and personel convenience, always ungrudgingly given, and in these various spheres of service he has left a permanent mark of his character on the life of the city of his adoption, gaining a host of friends and admirers during his forty years of residence in the province.

In the last years of his life his vacations were spent visiting the scenes of his boyhood and renewing old friendships among those he had left so many years ago in Eastern Canada. While there he never missed an opportunity of visiting their Grand Lodges and other Masonic gatherings. He was also a frequent visitor in British Columbia, where he was well known in Masonic circles and Alberta Masons had in him a worthy representative.

At the formation of this Grand Lodge he took a prominent part and was of great assistance in the work of organization, while his contribution generally to Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction was an important one. He was also a valuable member of the Committee on Correspondence and many readers will miss his able reviews in our Proceedings.

He was made in Zion Lodge, No. 21, A.F. & A.M., N.B., on October 2, 1889. On coming west he immediately took part in organizing a lodge in Edmonton in 1892 as Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and of which he was the first Senior Warden. This lodge later became Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, G.R.A., and conferred Life Membership upon him in 1930 for long and meritorious service. He was Master of Edmonton Lodge in 1895 and served as D.D.G.M. of District No. 12, G.R.M., in 1901. In 1905 he was elected first Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and was Grand Master in 1907.

In Capitular Masonry he also became an active member, being exalted in Alberta Chapter, No. 106, R.A.M., Calgary, in 1894, Grand Superintendent of Alberta District, No. 17 in 1901, and a member of Preceptory, No. 46, Knights Templar in 1906.

In 1902 he became a member of the Lodge of Perfection A. & A.S.R., taking his 18th degree in 1903, the 32nd in 1905 and was finally made an Honorary Sovereign Inspector General, 33rd degree, and 1929 he became a Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland.

He was also a member of the following bodies: Khartoum Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Foresters and Knights of Pythias.

To the last he was a staunch Freemason, a regular attendant at lodge when at home and a constant visitor when on his numerous journeys.

Those who were privileged as intimate friends, saw some thing beautiful and true in his private life, which, after all, reveals the true

character and worth of a man. In spite of the fact that for a quarter of a century a shadow was cast over the home, by reason of the illness of Mrs. Taylor, there was always a warm welcome in the wholesome, cheery manner in which those friends were greeted who loved to gather there of an evening. Our brother's happy and hopeful disposition enabled him to exercise untold patience and unwearying kindness and love in his family life. It is not too much to say he was an ideal father and model husband. His was,

"A mind in wisdom old, in lenience young,
From fevent truth where every virtue sprung;
Where all was real, modest, plain, sincere,
Worth above show, and goodness unsevere:
Viewed round and round, as lucid diamonds throw,
Still as you turn them, a revolving glow,
So did his mind reflect, with secret ray,
In various virtues, Heaven's eternal day."

It is ordered that this Memorial be read at the first stated meeting following its receipt and proper notation made in the minutes.

Given under our hand, this 26th day of March, A.D. 1931, A.L. 5931.

SYLVESTER M. SNEDDEN,

Grand Master.

Attest:

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Grand Secretary.



NORMAN EPHRAIM CARRUTHERS
Past Grand Master

In Memoriam

NORMAN EPHRAIM CARRUTHERS

The sudden passing of Most Worshipful Brother Norman E. Carruthers on Tuesday, on 20th day of January, A.D. 1931, A.L. 5931, calls for more than a mere thought of regret. It can be well said that "here is the passing of a great soul."

Born at Carleton, P.E.I., in 1872, he received his education there and later took up the profession of teaching from 1890 to 1901 in the Island, being president of the Educational Association at one time.

He came west in 1902 to Lacombe and taught in various schools in the district and was principal of the Lacombe school from 1909 to 1917, with the exception of four months spent teaching in White Horse, Yukon Territory. He was president of the first organization of school teachers of Alberta and Secretary-Treasurer of this association for several years.

In 1917 he became Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Lacombe and held the office of Police Magistrate since 1922.

His Masonic career began as a member of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 12, A.F. & A.M., at Kensington, P.E.I. He affiliated with Eureka Lodge, No. 65, A.F. & A.M., G.R.M., Lacombe, on November 7, 1904. The following year, 1905, he was elected W.M. of this lodge, which had become No. 10 in the newly formed Grand Lodge of Alberta. In 1908 he served as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5. In 1922 he was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden in Grand Lodge, Senior Grand Warden in 1923, Deputy Grand Master in 1924 and in 1925 was elected Grand Master of Masons in Alberta, serving in that office with dignity and distinction.

He was also a member of Edmonton Lodge of Perfection and of Mizpah Chapter, Rose Croix in A.A.S.R.

He served his community faithfully and well in the various honorable positions he occupied—honors he never sought; but they were the natural result of the appreciation of his true worth and charity of mind and heart by the community in which he lived. The great he may have passed unnoticed, but those in need or distress, never. Color, race or creed were not allowed to prejudice his sympathy. These deeds of charity were spontaneous—typical of the man—and were only known when spoken of by the recipients. The hundreds who gathered at his

funeral, many from distant points, to pay their last respects, apart altogether from his Masonic brethren, was a magnificent tribute to the honor and esteem in which our late brother was held, not only in his own community, but throughout the province. One touching incident as the funeral cortege passed to the cemetery was the covering of the roadway with a carpet of evergreen for some distance, by a Norwegian friend, an old custom of respect and high regard in his native land.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and three sons, also two sisters and three brothers in Prince Edward Island, who have the deep-sympathy of the Masonic Fraternity and a very large circle of friends, in their bereavement.

He was laid to rest in the Lacombe Cemetery with full Masonic Honors by Eureka Lodge, No. 10, and many of his Masonic brethren from all over the province, as well as the M. W. the Grand Master and several present and past Grand Officers. Six Past Grand Masters acted as pallbearers and the solemn and beautiful Masonic Service rendered by a Past Grand Master with ceremonial dignity, made the last sad rites a fitting farewell to our well beloved brother.

“A man four-square,” and all that is implied
In that brief phrase belongs to him who died.
No drums are beating, yet the heart hears a sound
Which marks the passing of a soul, and gives a thought
Amid the daily toil, and common round
To one now gone, who, if ideals are sought,
And destinies achieved, found his in service great,
Attained the highest pinnacle that fate
Had laid in store, and reached his goal,
We mourn the passing of a great, great soul.

It is ordered that this Memorial be read at the first stated meeting following its receipt and proper notation made in the minutes.

Given under our hand this 18th day of February, A.D. 1931, A.I. 5931.

SYLVESTER M. SNEDDEN,

Grand Master.

Attest:

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
SISTER GRAND LODGES



They "*Strove to live with love and care
Upon the Level by the Square.*"

Memorial Page

Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions



<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Alabama.....	Reden, Robert James, P.G.M.	Mar. 13, 1931
Colorado.....	Killian, James Rumney, P.G.M.	Apr. 19, 1931
Colorado.....	Mitchell, Horace Hilton, P.G.M.	Nov. 5, 1930
Colorado.....	Milsom, Joseph W., P.G.M.	July 31, 1930
Colorado.....	Peirce, William Darlington, P.G.M.	Nov. 17, 1930
Colorado.....	Renhard, Frank J., P.G.M.	Oct. 6, 1930
Colorado.....	Withrow, Chase, P.G.M.	Jan. 19, 1931
Colorado.....	Wiley, Jesse Clinton, P.G.M.	Sept. 4, 1930
Colorado.....	Woodward, H. Wadsworth, P.G.M.	Nov. 6, 1930
Colorado.....	Wright, William D., P.G.M.	July 16, 1930
Georgia.....	Andrew, Clarence Hyde, D.G.M.	Aug. 20, 1930
Georgia.....	England, William Gayle, P.G.M.	Mar. 26, 1931
Indiana.....	Hanan, John W., P.G.M.	Mar. 12, 1931
Indiana.....	Smith, Omar B., P.G.M.	Nov. 27, 1930
Maine.....	Adams, Silas Bradley, P.G.M.	Dec. 4, 1930
Michigan.....	Broughton, Roscoe W., P.G.M.	July 25, 1930
Michigan.....	Lodge, Frank T., P.G.M.	Dec. 10, 1930
Michigan.....	Perrett, William M., P.G.M.	Aug. 28, 1930
North Carolina...	Clark, H. I., P.G.M.	Apr. 19, 1930
North Carolina...	Noble, R. J., P.G.M.	Apr. 27, 1930
Ohio.....	Ballou, Clifford G., P.G.M.	Mar. 13, 1931
Ohio.....	Harmon, Frank S., P.G.M.	Jan. 10, 1931
Ohio.....	Perry, Benjamin F., P.G.M.	Jan. 13, 1931
Ohio.....	Pretzman, Charles J., P.G.M.	Sep. 2, 1930
Oklahoma.....	Anderson, William Moses, P.G.M. and G.S.	Dec. 23, 1930
Oklahoma.....	Fisher, Albert Willard, P.G.M.	Aug. 6, 1930
South Dakota....	Warne, Cyrus Burton, D.G.M.	Nov. 1, 1930
Tennessee.....	Cain, Stith Malone, G.S.	July 22, 1930
Tennessee....	McClister, James Henry, P.G.M.	May 15, 1930
Virginia.....	Strickler, Arthur DeWitt, P.G.M.	Nov. 16, 1930

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION



*"Their spirits dwell in Mansions of the Blest
Like that of ancient Proté's they have fled
Into some Better Land of Joy and Rest.
Then why lament, and why with doleful grief
Breathe mournful numbers over Kihel's plain?
Be not regretful! Have ye not belief?"*

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To the Honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction



<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Merkley, Leonard Manson . . .	June 16,, 1930
1.	Bow River.....	Brogden, James.....	June 5, 1930
1.	Bow River.....	Birnie, Thomas.....	July 17, 1930
1.	Bow River.....	Davis, Eric Pen.	Sept. 17, 1930
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Burns, William.....	Feb. 2, 1930
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Shields, John.....	Apr. 14, 1930
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Robertson, Peter.....	July 6, 1930
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Morrow, Hamilton.....	Nov. 19, 1930
3.	Alberta.....	Robertson, Richard.....	Apr. 30, 1930
3.	Alberta.....	Moreash, James William.....	Dec. 16, 1930
4.	North Star.....	Moore, William Alexander....	Apr. 6, 1930
4.	North Star.....	Aitken, Charles Jr.	June 16, 1930
4.	North Star.....	Scott, John.....	Aug. 18, 1930
4.	North Star.....	McKillop, Donald A.....	Nov. 18, 1930
5.	Cascade.....	Nicoll, William.....	Mar. 14, 1930
5.	Cascade.....	Ford, John.....	Oct. 2, 1930
5.	Cascade.....	Moore, Roger B.	Oct. 16, 1930
7.	Edmonton.....	Simpson, Andrew E.....	Jan. 16, 1930
7.	Edmonton.....	Netterfield, John Albert.....	May .., 1930
9.	Perfection.....	Robinson, Bruce Lundy.....	Apr. 12, 1930
9.	Pe fection	Stone, Percy William.....	Apr. 16, 1930
9.	Perfection.....	Eason, Albert Richard	June .., 1930
9.	Perfection.....	Garden, Joseph.....	Aug. 3, 1930
9.	Perfection.....	Douglas, George.....	Nov. 2, 1930
10.	Eureka.....	Myles, George.....	Aug. 25, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Purdy, Arthur Blanchard....	Jan. 10, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Miller, John M.....	Feb. 10, 1930
12.	Red Deer.....	Houghton, Jonathon C.	Jan. 7, 1930
12.	Red Deer.....	Smith, John A.....	Mar. 8, 1930
14.	Jasper.....	Robertson, Duncan Campbell.	Apr. 8, 1930
14.	Jasper.....	Weaver, Charles Yardley....	Oct. 1, 1930
14.	Jasper.....	Giles, Albert Ernest.....	Oct. 25, 1930

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
16.	Mountain View	Lamont, Alexander Donald	Mar. 29, 1930
19.	High River	Morrison, David	Nov. 25, 1930
22.	Corinthian	Grant, William Edward S.	Apr. 23, 1930
23.	Calgary	McCammon, John Stephson	May 31, 1930
23.	Calgary	Elder, William Azariah	Aug. 31, 1930
24.	Vermilion	Maggs, George	June 22, 1930
25.	St. John's	McIntyre, Wallace M.	Feb. 4, 1930
27.	Apollo	Prosser, John Rush	Nov. 24, 1930
28.	Ashlar	Dudgeon, Joseph	June 7, 1930
28.	Ashlar	Priestley, Robert John	July 30, 1930
29.	Kenilworth	Collison, John	May 15, 1930
33.	Stavely	McKay, Daniel James	Feb. 3, 1930
33.	Stavely	Cochlan, Thomas	Dec. 23, 1930
34.	Star of the West	Lane, Ambrose Bassett	Jan. 8, 1930
35.	Mizpah	Stewart, Henry	Sept. 11, 1930
35.	Mizpah	Williams, Evan Oswald	Dec. 23, 1930
37.	Camrose	Slight, Frederick John	Apr. 21, 1930
38.	Hope	Wood, Charles B.	Aug. 10, 1930
38.	Hope	Comer, George W.	Dec. 10, 1930
40.	Joppa	Campbell, Donald	Feb. 23, 1930
40.	Joppa	MacLeod, Alroy Vernon	Nov. 2, 1930
42.	Bowden	Wadleigh, Douglas S.	June 10, 1930
46.	Palestine	Spilstead, Charles	Apr. 6, 1930
51.	Unity	Wells, Henry James	Mar. 3, 1930
51.	Unity	Henry, John	May 19, 1930
51.	Unity	Lamb, Stewart	July 2, 1930
51.	Unity	Daly, John Beauchamp	July 22, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon	Fazackerly, John	Jan. 19, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon	Allen, Harry G.	Feb. 20, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon	Gale, Charles J.	Dec. 6, 1930
55.	Bassano	Ramsey, William	June 9, 1930
55.	Bassano	Travis, George Herbert	June 29, 1930
58.	Chief Mountain	Wetmore, Atrhur C.	Apr. 15, 1930
59.	King George	Thompson, Theo.	May 6, 1930
61.	Provost	Eaton, Joseph	Dec. 21, 1930
67.	Charity	Bell, George	Aug. 31, 1930
68.	Edson	McLean, Robert Matthew	July 10, 1930
68.	Edson	Bartle, John Gilbert	Dec. 18, 1930
71.	Tawatinaw	Herbert, William Robert	Feb. 26, 1930
77.	Stratheona	Hodgins, James	Jan. 24, 1930
77.	Stratheona	Mayne, John J.	May 17, 1930

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
77.	Strathcona.....	Godwin, Frank Mills.....	Nov. 20, 1930
78.	Hanna.....	Oldham, John N.....	Dec. 21, 1930
81.	Commercial.....	Hall, Frederick Maxwell.....	June 25, 1930
83.	Zetland.....	Marshall, Frederick J.....	Jan. 7, 1930
84.	Champion.....	Anderson, Charles E.....	Jan. 21, 1930
87.	Crescent.....	Jones, Ernest B.....	Mar. 9 1930
87.	Crescent.....	McConkey, Frederick T.....	May 26, 1930
89.	Peace River.....	La France, Francis.....	May 4, 1930
90.	Norwood.....	Spalding, James Alexander.....	Mar. 8, 1930
91.	Patricia.....	Roach, James B.....	Apr. 28, 1930
91.	Patricia.....	Stuart, Harry W.....	May 16, 1930
91.	Patricia.....	Foster, John William.....	Feb. .., 1930
91.	Patricia.....	McAvoy, George H.....	Sept. 9, 1930
93.	Symbol.....	Chaplin, Robert.....	Jan. 20, 1930
93.	Symbol.....	Hayden, Frank T.....	Nov. 14, 1930
97.	Albion.....	Vanderlip, William.....	Nov. .., 1930
101.	West Edmonton.....	Agnew, Robert.....	May 16, 1930
102.	Edgerton.....	Deahn, Richard Frederick.....	Dec. 8, 1929
106.	Lake Saskatoon ..	Horneland, Michael M.....	Jan. 24, 1930
106.	Lake Saskatoon ..	Cooper, Herbert Charles.....	Dec. 23, 1930
107.	Carbon.....	MacDonald, John Alexander..	Dec. 19, 1930
110.	Kilwinning	Hoff, Henry James	Oct. 1, 1930
120.	Monitor.....	Avery, John.....	Nov. 12, 1930
122.	Rising Sun.....	Protheroe, David John.....	June 12, 1930
122.	Rising Sun.....	Todd, James Marshall.....	Oct. 22, 1930
123.	Rockyford.....	Sangster, Alexander.....	Feb. 27, 1930
124.	Concord.....	McCloy, Frederick S.....	June 3, 1930
127.	Granite.....	Christofferson, Thomas John	Dec. 30, 1930
128.	Forestburg.....	Morgan, David William.....	Sept. 30, 1930
135.	Alliance.....	Rutherford, W. D.....	Mar. 11, 1930
137.	Irricana.....	Ranby, John George.....	Jan. 10, 1930
151.	Lochearn.....	McKinnon, Archibald Neil...	Nov. 15, 1930

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Galbraith, Stewart G.....	June 4, 1930
1.	Bow River.....	Gillott, David M.....	June 4, 1930
1.	Bow River.....	Dodds, Thomas.....	June 4, 1930
1.	Bow River.....	Boyes, Matthew Charles.....	Dec. 3, 1930
3.	Alberta.....	Freeman, James P.....	May 21, 1930
5.	Cascade.....	McCallum, William L.....	Dec. 11, 1930
6.	Spitzie.....	Christensen, Harold A.....	June 30, 1930
6.	Spitzie.....	Blake, George.....	Dec. 2, 1930
6.	Spitzie.....	Irwin, Robert G.....	Dec. 2, 1930
6.	Spitzie.....	Henderson, William W.....	Dec. 2, 1930
7.	Edmonton.....	Wiesse, Hermann.....	June 10, 1930
7.	Edmonton.....	Moulton, Lloyd James.....	June 10, 1930
7.	Edmonton.....	Shaw, Harry Victor.....	June 10, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Tipton, John W.....	Dec. 11, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Green, Evan.....	Dec. 11, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Greene, Richard Alexander.....	Dec. 11, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Sealey, Frederick Charles.....	Dec. 11, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Patton, Joseph Edgar.....	Dec. 11, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Shelton, Albert.....	Dec. 11, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Treasure, Theodore.....	Dec. 11, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Brown, Harold Peter.....	Dec. 11, 1930
11.	Acacia.....	Ross, William D.....	Dec. 11, 1930
12.	Red Deer.....	Trimble, Roy C.....	Mar. 11, 1930
12.	Red Deer.....	Hastie, Scott.....	Mar. 11, 1930
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Austin, Charles Gordon.....	Dec. 18, 1930
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	MacKay, Alexander W.....	Dec. 18, 1930
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Watson, James Steele.....	Dec. 18, 1930
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Mulloy, William K.....	Dec. 18, 1930
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Shaw, Albert.....	Dec. 18, 1930
16.	Mountain View.....	Brown, Richard Cyril Osborne.....	June 11, 1930
17.	Nanton.....	Armstrong, George A.....	Dec. 19, 1930
19.	Cornerstone.....	Gove, Wallace.....	Dec. 18, 1930
19.	Cornerstone.....	McHardy, John Stewart.....	Dec. 18, 1930
19.	Cornerstone.....	Watson, Colin Alexander.....	Dec. 18, 1930
19.	Cornerstone.....	Mackay, Duncan.....	Dec. 18, 1930
19.	Cornerstone.....	Hamilton, William Miles.....	Dec. 18, 1930
19.	Cornerstone.....	Howsom, George Robert.....	Dec. 18, 1930
19.	Cornerstone.....	Butchart, Arthur Ernest.....	Dec. 18, 1930
20.	Carstairs.....	Eby, Daniel Martin.....	Mar. 13, 1930
22.	Corinthian.....	McRae, John Alexander.....	Dec. 2, 1930
22.	Corinthian.....	Geary, George Grant.....	Dec. 2, 1930
23.	Calgary.....	Gilbert, Orville Newton.....	Mar. 7, 1930
23.	Calgary.....	Hodgins, Herbert E.....	Mar. 7, 1930
23.	Calgary.....	Jackson, John.....	Mar. 7, 1930
23.	Calgary.....	Jordan, William Alfred.....	Mar. 7, 1930
23.	Calgary.....	Oakley, Robert Kelland.....	Mar. 7, 1930
23.	Calgary.....	Thomson, Hugh.....	Mar. 7, 1930
24.	Vermilion.....	Hansen, Christian W.....	May 6, 1930
24.	Vermilion.....	Harris, George.....	May 6, 1930
24.	Vermilion.....	McNeil, Archibald T.....	May 6, 1930
24.	Vermilion.....	Watts, Archie.....	May 6, 1930
25.	St. John's.....	Brownlee William Ralph.....	Mar. 3, 1930
25.	St. John's.....	Tyler, Wilfred.....	Dec. 1, 1930
26.	Sentinel.....	Moffat, Robert.....	Dec. 3, 1930
26.	Sentinel.....	Pinder, Charles Style.....	Dec. 3, 1930
27.	Apollo.....	Munson, Albert Edward.....	May 5, 1930

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27.	Apollo	Goodland, Hadley C.	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	McWilliams, Alex. J.	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Lewis, John	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Cross, James Albert	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Whyte, David	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Malloch, Edward St. John	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Nash, Edward	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Kelley, Charles W.	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Ronstead, Albert C.	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Stewart, Henry Leroy	May 5, 1930
27.	Apollo	Lawrence, Robert N.	May 5, 1930
30.	Summit	Antrobus, William	Oct. 2, 1930
30.	Summit	Antrobus, Frederick Jr.	Oct. 2, 1930
30.	Summit	Hall, William E. G.	Oct. 2, 1930
31.	Doric	Aubin, Anselm William	Jan. 14, 1930
31.	Doric	Hoaglin, Paul Ward	Jan. 14, 1930
32.	Cairo	Coltman, Alfred Donald	Dec. 16, 1930
32.	Cairo	Dewar, William B.	Dec. 16, 1930
32.	Cairo	Gray, Edward T.	Dec. 16, 1930
32.	Cairo	Hetherington, Arthur	Dec. 16, 1930
35.	Mizpah	Miller, William Lorne	Dec. 16, 1930
35.	Mizaph	Morris, Alfred James	Dec. 16, 1930
35.	Mizpah	Kay, Thomas Hugh	Dec. 16, 1930
36.	Gleichen	Wallace, Alex. Robert	June 3, 1930
36.	Gleichen	Baker, William F.	June 3, 1930
37.	Camrose	Coughlin, James Martin	Apr. 10, 1930
38.	Hope	Hetsler, William	Dec. 31, 1930
38.	Hope	McMillan, Daniel H.	Dec. 31, 1930
38.	Hope	Milligan, William	Dec. 31, 1930
38.	Hope	Irvine, Peter Scott	Dec. 31, 1930
38.	Hope	McCallum, Malcolm J.	Dec. 31, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Martin, William John	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Stibbard, Claude C.	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	McLeod, Hector	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Sangster, Phillip K.	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Page, Andrew	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Atcherley, Charles H.	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Delaney, George Arthur	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Haffern, William	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Lipton, Reginald Gilbert	Dec. 18, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Routledge, Thomas A.	Dec. 18, 1930
41.	King Solomon	Rattray, George Plye	June 5, 1930
42.	Bowden	Bentley, Thomas	June 10, 1930
42.	Bowden	Hooper, Galen Stanley	June 10, 1930
42.	Bowden	Hopkins, Andrew	June 10, 1930
42.	Bowden	Reynolds, James Stanley	June 10, 1930
42.	Bowden	Richardson, Sydney John	June 10, 1930
42.	Bowden	Wilson, William	June 10, 1930
42.	Bowden	Coleman, Benjamin Wm.	July 8, 1930
46.	Palestine	Swift, William Charles	Dec. 17, 1930
46.	Palestine	Tetley, Reginald Wm.	Dec. 17, 1930
51.	Unity	Whiston, Clifford T.	Apr. 1, 1930
51.	Unity	Corbett, Alexander John	Apr. 1, 1930
51.	Unity	Welsh, Henry	Apr. 1, 1930
51.	Unity	Henderson, William George	Apr. 1, 1930
51.	Unity	Alexander, James M.	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity	Bowes, John P.	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity	Colwell, Robert	Dec. 2, 1930

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
51.	Unity.....	Campbell, Neil.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Johnson, John.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Karp, Henry.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Lansdown, Frank.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Mullin, James.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	McKay, Jacob W.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	McLean, John D.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	McMillan, Donald D.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Sharp, Alexander.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Walker, Parmenes G.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Whitlam, Thomas H. H.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Wilson, Arthur G.....	Dec. 2, 1930
51.	Unity.....	Yoaehim, William.....	Dec. 2, 1930
53.	Strathmore.....	Belts, Douglas Verne.....	June 2, 1930
53.	Strathmore.....	Lodmell, Leonard Barney O.....	Sept. 2, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Frizzle, Robert J.....	Mar. 11, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	McGee, Charles A.....	Mar. 11, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Harmer, Henry E.....	May 13, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Higgs, Robert.....	Mar. 11, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Metcalf, Thomas.....	May 13, 1930
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Bateman, Arthur R.....	Mar. 11, 1930
59.	King George.....	McLean, George McKay.....	June 13, 1930
59.	King George.....	Black, W. C.....	June 13, 1930
59.	King George.....	Harris, Howard A.....	Dec. 12, 1930
60.	Acme.....	Bannerman, William Thomas.....	June 5, 1930
60.	Acme.....	Russel, Joseph Oliver.....	June 5, 1930
60.	Acme.....	Crandell, Frank Albert.....	June 5, 1930
60.	Acme.....	Waterman, Max Lewis.....	June 5, 1930
62.	Coal.....	Cunningham, Walter A.....	Feb. 20, 1930
62.	Coal.....	Watson, Harold N.....	Feb. 20, 1930
62.	Coal.....	Fitzgerald, Maurice L.....	Dec. 18, 1930
62.	Coal.....	Tidball, William Arden.....	Dec. 18, 1930
64.	Bow Island.....	Wilmot, Edward Henry.....	Dec. 2, 1930
64.	Bow Island.....	Johnson, Carl John W.....	Dec. 2, 1930
64.	Bow Island.....	Smith, Frank Henry.....	Dec. 2, 1930
64.	Bow Island.....	Gibson, James Nelson.....	Dec. 2, 1930
65.	Diamond City.....	Miller, William B.....	Feb. 6, 1930
67.	Charity.....	Sharman, William F.....	Dec. 9, 1930
67.	Charity.....	Lothiam, Alexander Porteous.....	Dec. 9, 1930
68.	Edson.....	Shaw, Thomas John.....	June 5, 1930
72.	Coronation.....	Black, James A.....	Dec. 4, 1930
73.	Brooks.....	Ferguson, Andrew Malcolm.....	Oct. 21, 1930
73.	Brooks.....	Chudleigh, George Ernest.....	Oct. 21, 1930
73.	Brooks.....	Cormack, James Ivrach	
		Munro.....	Oct. 21, 1930
76.	Fidelity.....	Atkin, George D.....	June 10, 1930
77.	Strathcona.....	Cullum, William James.....	Dec. 12, 1930
77.	Strathcona.....	Lawrence, L. A.....	Dec. 12, 1930
77.	Strathcona.....	Sterns, Henry H.....	Dec. 12, 1930
80.	Excelsior.....	Pears, John.....	Feb. 13, 1930
80.	Excelsior.....	Keller, Oscar H.....	Dec. 4, 1930
83.	Zetland.....	Christie, Harry.....	Mar. 6, 1930
84.	Champion.....	Scott, William Robert.....	Apr. 10, 1930
84.	Champion.....	Thompson, Louis Frederick.....	Apr. 10, 1930
84.	Champion.....	McLean, Neil A.....	Apr. 10, 1930
84.	Champion.....	Paine, Howard Thomas.....	Apr. 10, 1930
87.	Crescent.....	Watts, Frank Wetherall.....	Sept. 9, 1930
89.	Peace River.....	Dando, Ernest Albert.....	Dec. 10, 1930
90.	Norwood.....	MacIntyre, Archie.....	June 15, 1930

92.	Saskatchewan	Welsh, Robert Arnot	Jan. 9, 1930
92.	Saskatchewan	Hiller, Harry	Dec. 11, 1930
92.	Saskatchewan	Schlenger, David	Dec. 11, 1930
92.	Saskatchewan	Silversides, Guy	Dec. 11, 1930
92.	Saskatchewan	Wanek, Rudolph Victor	Dec. 11, 1930
93.	Symbol	Perry, Charles W.	Mar. 13, 1930
93.	Symbol	Buwyer, Arthur L.	Mar. 13, 1930
93.	Symbol	McKee, Wallace	May 8, 1930
94.	Lamont	Connolly, Christopher F.	Jan. 6, 1930
96.	Dynamic	Ireland, Donald Westmancote	Nov. 5, 1930
96.	Dynamic	Kortzman, Frank	Nov. 5, 1930
96.	Dynamic	McLellan, Allan Lymon	Nov. 5, 1930
96.	Dynamic	Nelson, William McKinley	Nov. 5, 1930
96.	Dynamic	Wear, Charles Arthur	Nov. 5, 1930
97.	Albion	Switzer, Elred Amos	May 1, 1930
102.	Edgerton	Nickle, Herbert Edward	Apr. 7, 1930
102.	Edgerton	Sparks, Harold Edward	Apr. 7, 1930
102.	Edgerton	Allwood, Harry	Apr. 7, 1930
103.	Foremost	Wiltse, Urban Arthur	Feb. 5, 1930
103.	Foremost	McDonald, Roderick	Dec. 3, 1930
103.	Foremost	Seymour, Frank R.	Dec. 3, 1930
103.	Foremost	Strain, George E.	Dec. 3, 1930
104.	Oyen	McDonald, Henry	Dec. 5, 1930
104.	Oyen	McKibbon, William F.	Dec. 5, 1930
107.	Carbon	Fraser, James	May 6, 1930
107.	Carbon	English, Henry Austin	Dec. 3, 1930
107.	Carbon	Chandler, Earl C.	Aug. 5, 1930
107.	Carbon	Heath, Richard	Aug. 5, 1930
107.	Carbon	King, James Alfred	Aug. 5, 1930
110.	Kilwinning	Bentley, Vernon Sewell	Dec. 27, 1930
114.	Westlock	Harris, Ambrose	June 5, 1930
114.	Westlock	Lynn, Frederick W.	June 5, 1930
114.	Westlock	Little, Reg. T.	June 5, 1930
114.	Westlock	McAlpine, William	June 5, 1930
114.	Westlock	Trethowan, John T.	June 5, 1930
120.	Monitor	Cramer, Birnie Roy	Dec. 11, 1930
120.	Monitor	Foster, Weir	Dec. 11, 1930
124.	Concord	Gall, Clarence R.	Feb. 1, 1930
124.	Concord	Rowan, A. Melville	Feb. 1, 1930
124.	Concord	Roberts, James E.	Feb. 1, 1930
126.	Pembina	Banks, John E. H.	Apr. 7, 1930
126.	Pembina	Geddis, Robert H.	Apr. 7, 1930
127.	Granite	Anderson, O. K.	Dec. 3, 1930
127.	Grainite	Newton, Frederick L.	Dec. 3, 1930
130.	Hussar	Page, Paul	Sept. 8, 1930
132.	Craigmyle	Martin, Carlyle George	June 10, 1930
134.	Renfrew	Vavasour, Nigel	Apr. 14, 1930
134.	Renfrew	King, Alfred Edward	Apr. 14, 1930
134.	Renfrew	Gale, John Edward	Apr. 14, 1930
138.	Onoway	Mitchell, Frank Rolson	May 6, 1930
138.	Onoway	Harris, John B.	July 2, 1930
146.	Drumheller	Brownjohn, Neville Scott L.	Jan. 21, 1930
146.	Drumheller	Green, Alexander	Dec. 16, 1930
149.	Rosebud	Nicklassen, Harold E.	Apr. 9, 1930
153.	Whitcourt	Geddis, Robert Hamilton	Apr. 7, 1930

RESTORATIONS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Ward, John Isaac	June 4, 1930
2.	Medicine Hat	Swell, Robert Arnott	Apr. 8, 1930
4.	North Star	Burrill, Benjamin S.	Sept. 8, 1930
5.	Cascade	Denton, Lewis Arthur	Mar. 13, 1930
9.	Perfection	Ravelle, Reuben J.	May 20, 1930
10.	Eureka	Cameron, Alexander J.	Mar. 5, 1930
12.	Red Deer	Trimble, Roy C.	Aug. 12, 1930
14.	Jasper	Millar, John Henry	June 9, 1930
16.	Mountain View	Garrick, William Henry Stevens	Nov. 10, 1930
17.	Nanton	Shoop, Ira W.	Apr. 18, 1930
20.	Carstairs	Rucher, Charles L.	June 5, 1930
22.	Corinthian	Gretton, John Russell	Nov. 5, 1929
23.	Calgary	Thompson, Hugh	Apr. 4, 1930
24.	Vermilion	Watts, Archie	Dec. 1, 1930
25.	St. John's	Walker, Edgar N.	July 7, 1930
27.	Apollo	Munson, Albert Edward	Oct. 29, 1930
28.	Ashlar	Ewers, Archibald	Dec. 11, 1930
32.	Cairo	Hentherington, Arthur	Dec. 19, 1930
35.	Mizpah	Mitchell, David	Sept. 17, 1929
35.	Mizpah	Pettet, Harris Clifton	Oct. 21, 1930
37.	Camrose	Pearce, Leo Elmer	Oct. 9, 1930
38.	Hope	McCawley, David	Dec. 31, 1930
38.	Hope	Comer, George W.	Sept. 1, 1930
39.	Lethbridge	Mead, Francis Alfred	Apr. 17, 1930
41.	King Solomon	Botthby, John William	Jan. 5, 1930
50.	Comet	Wright, Sydney	Sept. 11, 1930
51.	Unity	Lorimer, Francis J.	May 6, 1930
51.	Unity	Atkinson, Bert W.	May 6, 1930
51.	Unity	Sapper, Abraham	Feb. 4, 1930
51.	Unity	Forbes, Donald	June 3, 1930
55.	Bassano	Bunny, Brice Hamilton	May 13, 1930
59.	King George	Carscallen, S. G.	Feb. 14, 1930
59.	King George	Wall, Leon S.	Dec. 12, 1930
60.	Acme	Reay, William	Mar. 13, 1930
63.	Empire	Pinder-Moss, John F. S.	Feb. 17, 1930
63.	Empire	Woob, Daniel Horatio	Feb. 17, 1930
73.	Brooks	Sheldon, Garnet Alphonso	May 20, 1930
73.	Brooks	Ferguson, Andrew Malcolm	Dec. 16, 1930
77.	Strathcona	Reid, Peter D.	Feb. 14, 1930
77.	Strathcona	Grittner, Julius	June 13, 1930
77.	Strathcona	Phillips, Robert	Jan. 13, 1930
89.	Peace River	Gilliland, W. F.	Feb. 12, 1930
92.	Saskatchewan	MacDonald, John Clyde	Feb. 13, 1930
114.	Westlock	Trethowan, John T.	Dec. 4, 1930
134.	Renfrew	McColl, Allan M.	Sept. 3, 1930
137.	Irricana	Smith, Roy	Mar. 19, 1930
138.	Onoway	Mitchell, Frank R.	May 7, 1930

Lodge Directory

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1.	Bow River	R. D. Clark	R. Swift	1430 6th St. N.W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	Wm. Armstrong	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	A. J. Branch	J. S. Collis	Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	M. Bailey	Wm. M. Edwards	P.O. Box 402, Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade	S. E. Ward	W. E. Ward	Banff	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitzie	E. C. Robinson	H. O. Purkis	Pincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	C. C. Haslop	F. Barnhouse	P.O. Box 515, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail	J. C. Calder	R. D. Bryan	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection	Jas. Cleave	J. C. McDougall	1712 21st Ave. W., Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	P. W. Pratt	Jesse Fraser	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia	L. A. Shean	Jas. Duncan	10705 74th Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	W. A. McKinney	A. G. Ayres	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria	J. Graham	H. N. Carscadden	Fort Saskatchewan	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14.	Jasper	F. C. Casselman	H. Sandilands	9258 91st Street, Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	H. A. Inglis	Geo. D. Wallace	Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View	L. E. Musgrave	Dr. C. C. Hartman	Olds	Friday, on or before full moon.
17.	Nanton	M. H. Wagner	T. M. Alexander	Nanton	Third Friday in each month.
18.	Britannia	Geo. Simmons	R. W. McWilliam	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone	W. S. Stephenson	P. G. Thomas	P.O. Drawer 307, High River	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs	R. W. Wood	W. A. Pryor	Carstairs	Second Tuesday in each month.
21.	King Hiram	E. Craig	H. Morgan	Didbury	Second Thursday in each month.
22.	Calgary	Geo. Moore	J. A. McBurney	Okotoks	First Friday in each month.
23.	Vermillion	S. C. Heckbert	J. W. G. Morrison	1313 13th Ave. W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
24.	St. John's	J. F. Leach	A. W. Shaw	Vermilion	First Monday in each month.
25.	Sentinel	D. A. Curry	H. O. Westrup	Vegreville	Second Thursday in each month.
26.	Apollon	A. Wilson	C. B. Morton	Hillcrest	First Monday in each month.
27.	Ansler	A. M. Venables	Geo. T. French (Actg.)	Stettler	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Kemulworth	A. M. Weston	V. A. Menzies	Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month.
29.	Summit	A. E. Graham	A. M. W. Cooke	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
30.	Doric	A. Stewart	J. Howell Jones	P.O. Box 116, Taber	Second Tuesday in each month.
31.	Carro	P. J. Petersen	J. B. Humphreys	Clareholm	Third Tuesday in each month.
32.	Star of the West	G. E. Sloymand	M. E. Malchow	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
33.	Nirphah	R. M. Code	W. E. Hawkins	P.O. Box 516, Leduc	Third Tuesday in each month.
34.	Gleichen	H. F. Morley	A. B. Stevens	327 2nd St., Medicine Hat	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Camrose	H. E. Hollaway	A. G. B. Lewis	Gleichen	Second Thursday in each month.
36.	Hope	R. E. Shaw	W. N. Crooks	Box 187, Camrose	Monday, on or before full moon.
37.	Lethbridge	T. E. Morris	E. J. Rosalter	Mannville	Third Thursday in each month.
38.	Jophs	R. H. Lawrie	N. R. Anderson	P.O. Box 537, Lethbridge	Second Thursday in each month.
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41.	King Solomon	T. E. Anderson	J. W. Loughery	Cochrane	Thursday, on or before full moon.
42.	Bowden	W. J. Henderson	A. L. Boyd	Bowden	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
43.	Tuscan	A. G. Mabey	Hayward Smith	Killam	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	E. L. Cork	J. H. Clifton	Wainwright	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45.	Ionic	J. Tallents	W. C. Tallman	Alix	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine	R. B. Wilson	H. W. Lovell	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	M. MacMillan	M. A. Murphy	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	F. T. Baker	C. D. Purvis	Crossfield	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49.	Robert Burns	H. S. Gibson	Wm. Dayman	Carmangay	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Comet	F. M. Curtis	M. E. McCulloch	Hardisty	Second Thursday in each month.
51.	Unity	Jas. Chorley	D. McIntosh	9832 107th St., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Strathmore	R. E. Gray	W. S. Paterson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
53.	Mount Lebanon	W. M. Spark	P. K. G. Childe	3623 7A Street, S.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Bassano	H. H. Beber	H. H. Beber	Bassano	First Wednesday in each month.
55.	Beaver	J. R. Parr	A. R. Newsham	Castor	Second Thursday in each month.
56.	Grassy Lake	Jas. Turnbull	Wm. E. McNevin	Grassy Lake	Second Tuesday in each month.
57.	Chief Mountain	H. Walters	Wm. Betts	Cardston	Second Thursday in each month.
58.	King George	D. McFarlane	V. Cunliffe	1126 Kensington Rd., Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
59.	Acme	W. S. McKenzie	J. C. Smith	Acme	Thursday, on or before full moon.
60.	Provost	W. G. Fox	W. B. Holtebaum	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
61.	Coal	H. H. Shannon	S. T. Wetterberg	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
62.	Empire	F. W. Rymer	J. Martland	9618 105th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
63.	Bow Island	A. Fienne	F. A. Lumbard	Burdett	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
64.	Diamond City	W. A. Robertson	H. B. Fuller	Kipp	First Thursday in each month.
65.	St. Andrew's	D. W. Mathers	W. H. Anderson	Trochu	Second Thursday in each month.
66.	Charley	C. H. Linn	Chas. Barrett	539 12th St. A. North, Lethbridge	Second Tuesday in each month.
67.	Edson	E. W. Broughton	F. C. Glover	Edson, P.O. Box 110	First Thursday in each month.
68.	Connaught	W. H. Empey	P. E. Finch	Viking	Tuesday nearest full moon.
69.	Quarry	I. R. Caan	A. J. Learmonth	Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
70.	Tarantula	N. O. Jack	C. F. Shourbridge	Athabasca	First Wednesday in each month.
71.	Coronation	G. K. Stevenson	E. W. McCaw	Coronation	Thursday, on or before full moon.
72.	Brooks	W. Crook	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Vulcan	Third Tuesday in each month.
73.	Edmonton	O. Craig	F. M. Anderson	Sedgewick	First Tuesday in each month.
74.	Edmonton	H. Fraser	W. J. Cumberland	Baskaw	Monday, on or before full moon.
75.	Edmonton	E. M. Robertson	H. C. Neal	8953 84th Ave., Edmonton	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
76.	Edmonton	G. E. H. Smith	H. J. Adams	Hanna	Second Friday in each month.
77.	Strathcona	H. Grinnit	J. H. Walmsley	Lougheed	First Wednesday in each month.
78.	Manna	A. Whyte	T. A. Barrag	Strome	Thursday, on or before full moon.
79.	Morning Star	B. N. Srop	H. H. McFordie	11850 94th St., Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
80.	Excelsior	C. H. Dunkley	I. R. Martin	Youngstown	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
81.	Commercial	Chas. Aikin	C. R. Cameron	818 2nd St. N.E., Calgary	First Thursday in each month.
82.	Acadia	R. H. Weir	G. L. Dupue	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.
83.	Zetland	J. D. Henderson			
84.	Champion				

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86.	Rocky Mountain	W. Lord	J. R. McLeod	P.O. Box 2033, Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crescent	S. E. Green	M. Carie	507 17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Walupun	F. Potage	H. H. Reynolds	High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River	H. A. George	T. A. Norris	Peace River	Second Wednesday in each month.
90.	Norwood	J. MacGregor	A. Rutherford	10622 111th St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patria	Geo. Kilgour	John Leung	Box 491, Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	W. I. Sharp	W. G. Scott	11516 94th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	C. A. McLeod	L. B. MacCrimmon	Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	J. H. Macpherson	C. B. Adams	Lamont	First Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	S. J. Byers	C. J. Hewitt	Kimberly	Friday, on or before full moon.
96.	Dynamic	J. Stokland	Robert Emond	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	F. N. Fanner	E. B. Atkins	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	J. Rogers	C. Grant	Della	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Vedergis	F. A. Bartram	E. W. Smith	Milk River	Fourth Thursday in each month.
100.	West Edmonton	W. Bridge	Wm. MacKenzie	12774 113th St., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
102.	Edgerton	F. E. Mitchell	T. J. Chavasse	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
103.	Foremost	T. A. Reynar	W. H. Wilson	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
104.	Oven	C. S. Wright	C. L. Dunford	Oven	First Friday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	A. R. McMillan	G. A. James	Grande Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatchewan	J. Archer	A. E. W. Roberts	Wembley	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
107.	Carbon	R. W. Fairbairn	S. F. Torrence	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
108.	Pyramid	F. W. Nichol	W. J. Clements	Box 135, Lomond	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
109.	Incident Landmark	D. C. Sage	J. P. Webster	Mirror	First Monday in each month.
110.	Kilwinning	Chas. J. Loree	D. J. Dickson	Innisfree	First Tuesday in each month.
111.	Nobleford	Philo L. Seaman	E. Rubie	Nobleford	First Thursday in each month.
112.	Victory	O. C. Christensen	W. S. Bridgeman	Jarrow	Third Wednesday in each month.
113.	Cyprus	A. A. Meaton	Wm. Harte	Three Hills	First Thursday in each month.
114.	Westlock	W. J. McCullough	Geo. McTavish	Westlock	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
115.	Cronus	R. A. Morrison	R. W. Wright	P.O. Box 208, Chinook	Third Monday in each month.
116.	Spirit River	J. A. McArthur	A. C. Egan	Spirit River	Second Wednesday in each month.
117.	Dominion	H. P. Gallimore	W. W. Ward	9528 111th St., Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
118.	St. Mark's	D. Anderson	R. M. Price	1824 15th St. S.W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
119.	York	L. E. McMillan	R. M. Glover	P.O. Box 301, Lethbridge	Thursday, on or after full moon.
120.	Monitor	L. E. Larder	A. L. Todd	Monitor	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
121.	Clive	A. E. Willson	H. B. Scott	Clive	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
122.	Rising Sun	B. E. Ghent	Wm. Dean	Gadsby	Thursday, on or before full moon.
123.	Rockyford	Jas. Black	Chas. Bradwell	Rockyford	First Saturday in each month.
124.	Concord	H. A. Glennie	W. F. Solomon	624 1st Ave. N.W., Calgary	First Monday in each month.
125.	Cavell	A. Foulds	G. W. Spies	Delburne	First Wednesday in each month.
126.	Pembina	H. H. Sides	E. Dumbrell	Sanguine	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
127.	Granite	D. B. Leyden	H. Andrews	Blackie	Second Wednesday in each month.
128.	Forestburg	H. Chipperfield	Wm. Smith, Jr.	Forestburg	Second Monday in each month.
129.	Meridian	R. A. Walton	J. F. Clarke	Stony Plain	Second Monday in each month.
130.	Husar	G. C. Phillips	T. A. Hawkshaw	Husar	

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131.	Kitscoty	F. O. Seward	J. G. Inglis	Kitscoty	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craignyle	H. D. Grouse	E. M. Wegron	Craignyle	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	H. Dyke	Geo. W. Richmond	Orion	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
134.	Renfrew	E. A. W. Rutherford	C. S. B. Lait	239 15th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance	W. T. Mayer	W. N. Bates	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Cresset	L. E. Atkinson	J. A. Gow	Barons	Monday after the full moon.
137.	Irricana	L. W. Bond	J. H. Coldwell	Kathryn	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	W. C. Hickman	A. A. Brown	Onoway	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Melrose	H. O. Brown	N. A. Houghton	Daysland	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	C. Thompson	A. B. Spencer	Big Valley	First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	A. J. Lawley	J. H. Cochrane	Hughenden	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	Jos. Madill	M. C. Wright	9908 1/2 115th St. Edmonton	First Monday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	Geo. E. Cook	Chas. B. Hunter	Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Grafton	P. J. Hardy	L. A. Schon	Irma	Third Thursday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's	A. H. G. Walsh	Wm. G. Fuller	St. Paul	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	L. R. Drumheller	V. W. R. B. Ball	Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland	J. F. Kyle	E. J. Martin	Fairview	Second Thursday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe	Geo. Tulloch	H. Bouchier	Rochfort Bridge	Thursday, on or before full moon.
149.	Rosebud	H. N. Jones	Geo. Stafford	P.O. Box 25, Rosebud	Second Wednesday in each month.
150.	Donald	J. W. Dempsey	W. E. Porter	Donald	Second Monday in each month.
151.	Locheam	J. W. Chalmers	W. J. Strong	Rocky Mountain House	Third Tuesday in each month.
152.	Standard	F. D. Knowlton	R. M. Clark	Standard	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whiteout	H. D. Craig	G. M. Crawford	Whitcourt	First Wednesday in each month.
154.	Wascatenau	F. J. Henry	Thos. E. Jewel	Wascatenau	Second Wednesday in each month.
155.	Earl Haig	S. King	L. A. Mason	Barhead	Last Thursday in each month.
156.	Hythe	F. E. Everton	J. G. McQuarrie	Hythe	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
157.	Sharon	J. J. Watson	W. A. Drennan	Iron Springs	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Berry Creek	W. J. Winning	R. W. Summerbell	Pollockville	First Tuesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne	A. W. Boss	Norman Porter	Vauxhall	Second Wednesday in each month.
UD	Sesmith	T. C. Bruce	W. R. Roberts	Sesmith	

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
1	Bow River.....	304	4	4	4	3	1	5	4		4	299		5
2	Medicine Hat....	240	7	7	9	3	1	2			4	245	5	
3	Alberta.....	90	6	5	5	1		4	1		2	90		
4	North Star.....	265	2	4	5	3	1	2			4	265		
5	Cascade.....	173	2	5	8		1	1	1		3	171		2
6	Spitzie.....	93	3	3	3			4	4			88		5
7	Edmonton.....	292	9	8	8	2		3	3		2	295	3	
8	Innisfail.....	85	1	2	2	2		2				86	1	
9	Perfection.....	424	9	7	7	8	1	8			5	429	5	
10	Eureka.....	129	2	3	2	2	1	5			1	128		1
11	Acacia.....	207	8	8	10	4		5	9		2	203		4
12	Red Deer.....	140	4	2	3		1	5	2		2	136		4
13	Victoria.....	62	2	2	3			1				63	1	
14	Jasper.....	187	7	5	5	2	1	2			3	192	5	
15	Wetaskiwin.....	112	5	5	5	2		2	5			112		
16	Mountain View..	82	2	2	2	2	1	1	1		1	85	3	
17	Nanton.....	93			1		1	1	1			92		1
18	Britannia.....	89	1	1	1	2		1				91	2	
19	Cornerstone.....	161	4	4	4	3		8	7		1	152		9
20	Carstairs.....	58	2	2	3	3	1	5	1			58		
21	King Hiram.....	110	3	3	5			1				112	2	
22	Corinthian.....	137	22	26	20	2	1	5	2		1	154	17	
23	Calgary.....	262	8	8	7	2	1	9	6		2	256		6
24	Vermilion.....	113	3	2	3	4	1	3	4		1	113		
25	St. John's.....	112	7	8	7	1	1	3	2		1	115	3	
26	Sentinel.....	73	1	1	1			2				72		1
27	Apollo.....	126	6	5	5	6	1	2	12		1	124		2
28	Ashlar.....	225	4	4	4	1	1	6			2	223		2
29	Kenilworth.....	102	4	4	7	5		5			1	105	3	
30	Summit.....	60	1	1	1	1			3			59		1
31	Doric.....	60	2	2	2	1		4	2			57		3
32	Cairo.....	77		1	1	3	1	2	4			75		2
33	Stavely.....	64	2	2	4							64		
34	Star of the West.	71	2	2	2	2		1			1	73	2	
35	Mizpah.....	134	4	5	5	3	2	2	3		2	136		
36	Gleichen.....	97	2	2	3	1		1	2			97		
37	Camrose.....	104	2	3	3	3	1	1	1		1	108	4	
38	Hope.....	55				1	2	3	5		2	48		7
39	Lethbridge.....	177	2	2	1	3	1	2	10			171		6
40	Joppa.....	54	3	4	5	2		2			2	55	1	
41	King Solomon...	26	4	5	4		1		1			30	4	
42	Bowden.....	59	2	3	3			2	7		1	51		8
43	Tuscan.....	88				1		2				87		1
44	Buffalo Park....	68	2	1	1	3		1				72	4	

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45	Ionic.....	33	2	1	1	1						36	3	
46	Palestine.....	68	1	3	3				2		1	66		2
47	Chinook.....	39	1	1	1			1				39		
48	Crossfield.....	66	7	7	7							73	7	
49	Robert Burns.....	35	1	1	1			1				35		
50	Comet.....	40	2	2	3	4	1	1				46	6	
51	Unity.....	441	11	13	14	3	4	5	20		4	430		11
53	Strathmore.....	94	3	6	6	3		1	2			97	3	
54	Mount Lebanon.....	253	2	2	5	1		4	6		3	243		10
55	Bassano.....	90	1	1	1	2	1	5			2	87		3
56	Beaver.....	67	2	1	1	2		3				68	1	
57	Grassy Lake.....	45		2	2	1						46	1	
58	Chief Mountain.....	43	1	1	1	3		4			1	42		1
59	King George.....	322	9	7	6	3	2	7	3		1	325	3	
60	Acme.....	55	1	1	1	2	1	2	4			53		2
61	Provost.....	68	1	2	2	1		1			1	68		
62	Coal.....	37			2			1	4			32		5
63	Empire.....	159	4	7	7	1	2	5				161	2	
64	Bow Island.....	88	6	5	6	1		3	4			88		
65	Diamond City.....	32	3	2	2	2			1			36	4	
66	St. Andrews.....	55	3	3	4	2		1				59	4	
67	Charity.....	85	3	2	2	2		2	2	1	1	84		1
68	Edson.....	138	17	15	7	3		3	1		2	152	14	
69	Connaught.....	46	5	6	5			2				49	3	
70	Quarry.....	49	2	2	4							51	2	
71	Tawatinaw.....	42	2	3	3			2			1	41		1
72	Coronation.....	95	2	2	2	3			1			99	4	
73	Brooks.....	111	2	3	4	1	2	7	3			106		5
74	Vulcan.....	98	5	5	4	4		3				104	6	
75	Harmony.....	50				2						52	2	
76	Fidelity.....	86		1	2	3		3	1			85		1
77	Strathcona.....	188	3	3	3		3	5	3		3	183		5
78	Hanna.....	106	4	5	5			5			1	104		2
79	Morning Star.....	36	1					1				36		
80	Excelsior.....	29	1	1	1				2			28		1
81	Commercial.....	200	6	6	6	5		4			1	206	6	
82	Acadia.....	59	1	3	3	1						61	2	
83	Zetland.....	243	4	3	4	6		5	1		1	246	3	
84	Champion.....	65		1	1			1	4		1	59		6
86	Rocky Mountain.....	68	7	7	6	2		1				76	8	
87	Crescent.....	240	4	4	4	4		2	1		2	243	3	
88	Wahpun.....	44										44		
89	Peace River.....	69	1	2	2	3	1	3	1		1	69		

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
90	Norwood.....	116	6	6	5	1		3	1		1	118	2	
91	Patricia.....	402	7	7	7	1		7			4	399		3
92	Saskatchewan...	101	6	5	5	1	1	2	5	1		101		
93	Symbol.....	200	5	5	5				3		2	200		
94	Lamont.....	47	2	1	1	3			1			51	4	
95	Kitchener.....	30	1	1	1	2		1				32	2	
96	Dynamic.....	55		2	1	2			5			52		3
97	Albion.....	36							1		1	34		2
98	Hand Hill.....	57	2	2	1			3				56		1
100	Verdigris.....	47	10	9	7	1						58	11	
101	West Edmonton	107	9	7	10						1	115	8	
102	Edgerton.....	43				1		1	3		1	39		4
103	Foremost.....	38	4	3	3				4			38		
104	Oyen.....	78	3	3	3	1		4	2			76		2
105	Grande Prairie..	96	3	3	3	3		1				101	5	
106	Lake Saskatoon.	62	2	3	2			4			2	58		4
107	Carbon.....	62	1	1	1			1	5		1	56		6
108	Pyramid.....	37	6	6	6	1		1				43	6	
109	Ancient Landmark.....	46	1	2	1	2						49	3	
110	Kilwinning.....	39							1		1	37		2
111	Nobleford.....	32				1						33	1	
112	Victory.....	28	2	2	2			1				29	1	
113	Cyprus.....	54	1	1	1			2				53		1
114	Westlock.....	55	10	10	11	7	1	1	5			67	12	
115	Crocus.....	40	3	4	4	1						44	4	
116	Spirit River.....	61	9	8	7	2						72	11	
117	Dominion.....	80	11	10	15	2						93	13	
118	St. Mark's.....	101	3	3	4	5		2				107	6	
119	York.....	105	5	5	6	2		2				110	5	
120	Monitor.....	51	1	1	1	1		1	2		1	49		2
121	Clive.....	23	1									24	1	
122	Rising Sun.....	61	6	6	5	1					2	66	5	
123	Rockyford.....	51	2	3	2						1	52	1	
124	Concord.....	113	8	9	8	2		3	3		1	116	3	
125	Cavell.....	48						3				45		3
126	Pembina.....	36	1	1	1				2			35		1
127	Granite.....	74	5	3	6			1	2		1	75	1	
128	Forestburg.....	44	2	2	2	2		4			1	43		1
129	Meridian.....	36	3	3	3	1						40	4	
130	Hussar.....	35	4	4	5	2			1			40	5	
131	Kitseoty.....	37	1	1	1			1				37		
132	Craigmyle.....	34				1			1			34		
133	Manyberries.....	33	2	2	1			1				34	1	

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
134	Renfrew	144	11	14	14	11	1	7	3			157	13	
135	Alliance	37						1			1	35		2
136	Cresset	28	6	6	5			1				33	5	
137	Irricana	50	4	2			1	6			1	48		2
138	Onoway	29	2	2	4		1	1	2			29		
139	Melrose	30	2	2	2			1				31	1	
140	Big Valley	52	1	1	1	3		2				54	2	
141	Efficiency	25	4	3	4							29	4	
142	Ivanhoe	135	5	3	4	12		1				151	16	
143	Jasper Park	91	5	5	5	3						99	8	
144	Gratton	36				1						37	1	
145	St. Alban's	49	6	7	2	1						56	7	
146	Drumheller	60	4	4	3	1		1	2			62	2	
147	Northland	28	1	1	1	1						30	2	
148	Mayerthorpe	27	2	2	2	1		1				29	2	
149	Rosebud	28	2	3	3				1			29	1	
150	Donalda	22	4	3	4			2				24	2	
151	Lochearn	47	3	3	2	2					1	51	4	
152	Standard	23				2						25	2	
153	Whitecourt	23	4	3	2			1	1			25	2	
154	Waskatenau	15						1				14		
155	Earl Haig	23	4	4	4			1				26	3	1
156	Hythe	16	10	8	8	2		1				27	11	
UD	Sharon	22	3	4	2	1						26	4	
UD	Berry Creek	18	10	10	9	1						29	11	
UD	Lucerne					14						14	14	
		14006	538	549	556	263	47	294	227	2	105	14226	848	628

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D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. H. Ross (87)

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade	Banff
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane
No. 53	Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary
No. 59	King George	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's	Calgary
No. 124	Concord	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett (35)

No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks	Brooks
No. 159	Lucerne	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. G. Thomson (51)

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson	Edson
No. 71	Tawatinaw	Athabasca
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park	Jasper
No. 145	St. Alban's	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Arthur Sayers (18)

No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M. —R. W. Bro. N. B. Anderson (135)

No. 37	Camrose	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan	Killam
No. 50	Comet	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost	Provost
No. 62	Coal	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance	Alliance
No. 139	Melrose	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Dobson (19)

No. 17	Nanton	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone	High River
No. 22	Corinthian	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. R. Davidson (39)

No. 4	North Star	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost	Foremost
No. 119	York	Lethbridge
No. 133	Manyberries	Manyberries
No. 157	Sharon	Iron Springs

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. G. M. Swart (47)

No. 3	Alberta	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook	Cowley
No. 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. C. Moore (56)

No. 27	Apollo	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Monitor
No. 121	Clive	Clive
No. 122	Rising Sun	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley	Big Valley
No. 150	Donalda	Donalda

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)

No. 11	Acacia	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning	Minburn
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	Kitscoty

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. H. Messinger (49)

No. 49	Robert Burns	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. H. Lyttle (77)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo

No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig.....	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts (106)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
U.D.	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. M. S. Macleod (78)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. Nicholson (137)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 109	Ancient Landmark.....	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. R. Fulton (146)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud.....	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Fleming (96)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Ribstone
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.....	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

Answer: The constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.

23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?

Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: If a committee appointed on the application of a brother, who has been suspended N.P.D., reports unfavorably, has the W.M. power to declare him rejected?
Answer: No. Lodge must make decision and by written ballot. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

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REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., Chairman

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your committee submits review of the Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions for the years 1929 and 1930 as indicated in the sub-joined list.

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| 1. Alabama | 29. New Mexico |
| 2. Arizona | 30. New Zealand |
| 3. California | 31. New Jersey |
| 4. Colorado | 32. New York |
| 5. Connecticut | 33. North Carolina |
| 6. Delaware | 34. North Dakota |
| 7. District of Columbia | 35. Ohio |
| 8. England | 36. Oklahoma |
| 9. Florida | 37. Oregon |
| 10. Georgia | 38. Pennsylvania |
| 11. Idaho | 39. Philippine Islands |
| 12. Illinois | 40. Queensland |
| 13. Indiana | 41. Rhode Island |
| 14. Iowa | 42. Scotland |
| 15. Ireland | 43. South Australia |
| 16. Kentucky | 44. South Carolina |
| 17. Kansas | 45. South Dakota |
| 18. Maine | 46. Tasmania |
| 19. Maryland | 47. Tennessee |
| 20. Massachusetts | 48. Utah |
| 21. Michigan | 49. Vermont |
| 22. Minnesota | 50. Victoria |
| 23. Mississippi | 51. Virginia |
| 24. Missouri | 52. Washington |
| 25. Montana | 53. Western Australia |
| 26. Nebraska | 54. West Virginia |
| 27. Nevada | 55. Wisconsin |
| 28. New Hampshire | 56. Wyoming |

The chairman desires in this foreword to express his sincere appreciation of the assistance rendered by the other members of the committee, namely, M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, R. W. Bro. C. V. Bennett, R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland and R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.

Your committee desires to express their sincere regret at the loss of the services of a member of this committee of M. W. Bro. Hedley

C. Taylor, who died on February 23rd, 1931. M. W. Bro. Taylor was one of the elder Past Grand Masters of this jurisdiction and his services were very highly esteemed by Grand Lodge of Alberta and especially by the other members of this committee. His reviews were always read with interest by the Fraternal Correspondents in other jurisdictions and evidenced the high ideals of Masonry held by him. His Masonic labors were a constant effort toward a realization of these ideals.

M. W. Bro. Taylor had in his charge the matter of reviewing the Annual Reports of the eight other Canadian jurisdictions but owing to his illness, which culminated in his death, was unable to complete this work. We regret that under these circumstances reviews of the Proceedings of the other eight Canadian Grand Jurisdictions will not appear in this report but will have to be deferred until the report of 1932.

The chairman welcomes to the labors of this committee this year for the first time R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey. This brother has had long Masonic experience and we trust his labors will be not only a pleasure to himself but of value to the Craft in general.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Alabama was held in Montgomery, December 2nd and 3rd, 1930. M. W. Bro. Robert F. Lovelady, Grand Master.

Brother Steiner, our Grand Representative, was present.

The Grand Master's address contains the following reference to the need of making something practical out of Freemasonry: "If Masonry is to fill anything near the place it should in this State it must be taken outside of the lodge rooms and into the homes, the fields, the stores, the shops and the offices of our people. It must be taught more by example than by precept and become a living and acting exponent of the principles of friendship, morality, brotherly love, relief and truth. It must draw humanity to it by the beauty of its conduct and its exemplification of the law of love rather than by the lure of its secrets or the mystery of its ritual and initiation."

These sentiments will have the heartiest support from all true Masons. The enemies of Masonry are not without but within our ranks; lack of sincerity is one of the greatest and worst.

None of the Grand Master's decisions or actions call for particular mention as being unusual and they were all endorsed by Grand Lodge. However, in connection with the Home he found that maintenance funds were inadequate and inaugurated a drive for \$1.00 per member, which brought in over \$25,000. Dealing with the same problem was a resolution which proposed that any lodge sending a resident to the Home should agree to pay an amount per member per week of not less

than one cent and not more than one dollar. Apparently the provisions of this measure were too elastic and it was lost.

The procedure in Alabama has been where a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues that when he desires reinstatement he must not only pay the amount accrued at the time of suspension but also the amount represented by the elapsed time subsequent. Obviously this was very unfair. The Grand Master's recommendation was adopted whereby only the amount due at the date of suspension must be paid.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was well written by Bro. W. B. Clemmons, in which Alberta is kindly reviewed. The brother seems to have a penchant for poetry, as scattered throughout the report are many excerpts of it.

Number of Lodges, 564. Members, 48,354. Loss, 3,079.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert F. Lovelady.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. George A. Beauchamp.

V.H.M.

ARIZONA

Forty-eighth Annual Communication held in Douglas, February 11th, 1930.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. William Townley MacDonald, Grand Master.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present.

Alberta was not represented.

The Washington Memorial Scheme is favorably commented on and Arizona has contributed her quota.

There appear to have been misunderstandings in regard to relief work and the Grand Master has issued a letter to all lodges which must effectively clear the air.

The following are the significant sections:

"Therefore, with the sole exception of the mentioned emergency cases and with the thought of establishing a desired greater uniformity in the matter of administering Masonic relief as also of the better guarding against possible imposters, the following practice is henceforth to govern:

"1. For the extending of more than temporary emergency relief proper authorization must first be secured from the lodge of which the affiliated brother is a member. Such authorization must definitely state the extent to which the brother's lodge agrees to obligate itself.

"2. Should relief be extended under any conditions it must be understood as being entirely voluntary on the part of the lodge granting it, and no demand shall be made by that lodge for reimbursement upon the lodge of which the assisted brother is a member, or on this Grand Lodge or its Grand Master.

"3. No lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be required to reimburse another lodge in this, or any other Grand Jurisdiction, for having rendered assistance to any of its members unless proper authorization was first granted by the lodge of which said brother is a member."

Arizona shows a net gain in membership of 180 and a total of 6,612.

We got a real "kick" from the report of one committee. The report opens thus: "Your Committee on reports that it has accomplished its usual quota of work for the past year, which means nothing". Such candor is refreshing, even when there is, as now, a reason.

Judging from the report of the Committee on Masonic Service and Education, they are not so keen on spending money for something for which they are none too sure of the demand.

The Grand Orator's address—"A Three-Fold Vision of Freemasonry"—is published in full and while brief is quite interesting.

There is no review of Foreign Correspondence.

Forty-ninth Annual Communication at Globe, February 10th, 1931.

Grand Master, Amos A. Betts, Phoenix.

Grand Secretary, Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.

A. M. M.

CALIFORNIA

1929

The Eightieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of California was held in the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, commencing Tuesday, October 8th, 1929. M. W. Bro. Gustav A. Hutaff, Grand Master, presided. There were present eighteen Past Grand Masters of California, and Past Grand Masters from Washington, Indiana and Nebraska as distinguished visitors.

The annual address of the Grand Master deals with a great many interesting matters, including such subjects as the Conference of Grand Masters, Public School Week, Masonic Clubs, Clandestine Grand Lodges, Financing Masonic Temples and Masonic Education.

Among the visits made by the Grand Master was his attendance at the meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, held October 16th, 1928.

The Grand Master describes the central theme of his addresses on the occasion of visiting lodges, in the following words:

"I have endeavored to outline to them the aims and policies of Masonry, encouraging them to interest themselves in the educational plan of Grand Lodge, and, above all, not to allow the principles and precepts of Masonry to be a mere delusion, but an inspiration."

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters in the United States which was held at Washington, D.C., on February 20th, 1929, when thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions were represented and

thirty-one Grand Masters were in attendance. In reporting on this Conference, the Grand Master submitted a copy of the agenda presented to that Conference, which takes over a page of printed matter and covers nine subjects, the most important of which were: (1) Masonic Foundation or Grand Lodge Charity Funds for Relief. (2) Masonic Education. (3) Masonic Temples. (4) Report of Committee on Inter-jurisdictional Relief. Further particulars of this Agenda may be found on pages 425 and 426 of the 1929 Proceedings.

The Grand Master recommended that memorial emblems or buttons be presented to those brethren who have become members of the jurisdiction of California by affiliation and have been Master Masons in good standing for a total of fifty years, the last ten years of which having been in a California lodge.

In speaking on the subject of Lodge Clubs, the formation of which within the membership of lodges has become more or less prevalent, the Grand Master points out that such Clubs are really unnecessary, because purely social activities of the lodge can be adequately taken care of by committees appointed for that purpose by the Masters of the lodges.

Referring to clandestine Grand Lodges, which are under investigation in California, it appears that these recruit their membership chiefly from Filipinos, who appear to be easily misled.

From the Report of the Grand Treasurer it appears that the Grand Lodge of California has over half a million dollars invested in the Masonic Temple in San Francisco, from which it receives a dividend of about one-half of one per cent.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 572 chartered lodges and 6 lodges under dispensation, with a total membership at September 30th, 1929, of 138,652.

The cash receipts for the Masonic Temples, of which there are two, total \$284,904.00. Of this sum \$184,950.00 was derived from a tax of \$25.00 levied on each initiate.

Some seventy pages of printed matter are devoted to the Masonic Home, and other benevolent activities of this Grand Lodge.

A very important and highly instructive report was submitted by the Board of Control, which appears to be a committee of Grand Lodge having supervision over Boards of Relief and Employment Bureaus throughout the jurisdiction. This branch of Masonic endeavour appears to be very successfully organized in California and is doing a wonderful work, not only for members of the Craft belonging to California lodges but for sojourning brethren hailing from all quarters of the Globe.

From the report of the Educational Committee we quote the following:

"The outstanding feature of the educational work during the last Masonic year has been the organization and development of lodge Educational Committees. The Master of each lodge was requested to name a chairman to handle the work. The response on the part of the Masters was very gratifying, and at the present time these Committees are organized and functioning in four hundred and forty lodges."

"The basic fact is undeniably true that the more information and instruction that is afforded our members, and particularly the candidates as they are receiving their degree, the more appreciative will our members be of the great principles of our Fraternity."

"It would seem desirable also to encourage the formation of Lodge Libraries which would give the members of the local lodge opportunity for reading on their own account. There is available at the present time a wonderful body of Masonic literature at very low cost, and written by Masonic scholars who are not only well versed in Masonic law but have the capacity to present it to the brethren in simple, concise and direct English, making Masonic study not only profitable but wonderfully interesting. Reading and study of Masonic books and magazines should be stimulating."

The Report of the Committee on Public Schools Week, reporting on the tenth annual observance of this function, covers about twelve pages of closely printed matter. It shows that the Public Schools are a subject of deep interest to the Masonic Fraternity in California.

The Committee on Ritual presented a revised Funeral Service, which was adopted.

On the report of the Special Committee, Grand Lodge adopted a new seal. The report of this committee contains much information which is interesting, both from historical and heraldic viewpoints.

The Committee on Policy and General Purposes recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the Mother Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, the Grand Royal York Lodge of Friendship, and the National Grand Lodge of All German Free Masons; and, with respect to three Latin American Grand Lodges and the Grand Orient of Rumania, intimated it was not prepared to present a formal report. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

This Grand Lodge maintains Masonic Club Houses at the University of California in Berkeley and Los Angeles, for the use of Masonic Clubs organized and located at these two branches of the University of California, these Club Houses having been erected at very substantial cost. The Grand Lodge contributes about \$10,000 a year toward the maintenance of each of these Clubs, the funds being raised by a special per capita tax levy. The Masons of California are definitely committed to the policy of affording club houses and social facilities under Masonic ideals for the students at these two centres who have Masonic affiliation.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Brother Jesse M. Whited, the Chairman. The report is compiled on the topical plan, and in the foreword Brother Whited deals among others with the following subjects: Cipher Codes; Co-ordinate Bodies; Masonic Education; General Grand Lodge; Landmarks; Mission of Masonry; Grand Representatives; Masonic Temples; Masonic Trials. Under the topic, Masonic Education, there is quoted an editorial from the *Missouri Freemason*, entitled "Catching Them Young," which is very well worth careful and intense study by Masons in other jurisdictions. Under "Landmarks", Brother Whited quotes eight landmarks adopted by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia and of them he says: "They seem to embody those which are absolutely vital to the Masonic system and have never been tinkered with." Alberta is mentioned in two topics, namely, "Corner Stones" and "Investigation of Candidates."

Following this report is an Appendix containing a great deal of statistical information in reference to the Craft not only in California, but throughout the Masonic world.

Total membership, 138,521. Net gain, 4,219.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles M. Wollenberg.

Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. John Whicher.

F.S.S.

CALIFORNIA

1930

The Eighty-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of California was held in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on Tuesday, October 14th, A. D. 1930. M. W. Brother Charles Maurice Wollenberg presided. There were present nineteen Past Grand Masters.

The annual address of the Grand Master was not only an extended report of his official acts and activities throughout his year of office but was a powerful presentation of the Grand Master's views on many of the outstanding problems facing Masonry on the North American Continent at this time. It is described by the Committee on the Grand Master's Message as one of the most notable addresses ever presented to the Grand Lodge of California. We heartily concur in the following statement of the committee: "The clear and vigorous manner in which the Grand Master presents his suggestions, conclusions and recommendations in respect to matters vital to the progress and welfare of our Institution is its outstanding merit."

In his introduction the Grand Master, in discussing the financial condition of the lodges generally, says, "A healthy lodge is one that is meeting its expenses out of the moneys received from dues and that places in reserve, for times of stress and to meet obligations for the relief of distressed brethren, the moneys received from initiation fees."

The Grand Master quotes the cablegram received by him on 5th June, 1930, from the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of England, with reference to the two hundredth anniversary of the first recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of American Freemasonry by constituting a Provincial Grand Lodge for New England, wherein the fraternal greetings and good wishes of English Freemasonry were tendered to their American brethren in California. The reply the Grand Master of California transmitted through the Representative of the Grand Lodge of California near the Grand Lodge of England was also quoted by the Grand Master, and evinced hearty reciprocation of the lofty sentiments expressed in the cablegram from the Duke of Connaught.

The Grand Master was in attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters held at Washington, D. C., on February 20th, 1930. Of the subjects considered at this Conference the Grand Master only refers to the topic of "Masonic Education," concerning which he says it was clearly indicated that no jurisdiction had developed a satisfactory program but that all were seeking for something that would create increased membership and inculcate a desire for more light. The Grand Master felt that the program adopted in California was as satisfactory as any presented.

Appreciative references were made concerning the visit of M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and of the visit of M. W. Bro. Herbert C. Dean of the same jurisdiction while enroute home from China where he had been visiting the lodges in China working under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

During his year the Grand Master was present at six anniversary celebrations by lodges, five to celebrate the 75th anniversaries, and one the 80th anniversary. Another interesting ceremony conducted by the Grand Master was the Dedication of the Masonic Club House of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Among the subjects dealt with in comprehensive fashion by the Grand Master were the problems of dual membership, clandestine bodies, politics in Masonry, public schools week, degree teams, and officers' clubs. During his year the Grand Master found it necessary to consider and, in several instances, take active measures in dealing with difficult situations. His attitude toward these problems and the wisdom displayed in meeting them are worthy of highest commendation.

The Annual Oration of the Grand Orator, Bro. William C. Hasler, was a learned and at the same time interesting discourse on Masonry, the speaker having a fascinating method of transporting his hearers back and forth between ancient and modern times with very exhilarating as well as instructive effects. It is an oration which, if carefully studied, is highly provocative of real thinking along Masonic lines.

The report of the Committee on Masonic History in this jurisdiction is a very interesting report but offers nothing of general interest.

The report of the Educational Committee emphasizes the very important position which the Grand Master occupies, and points out that the effective conduct of the educational program depends largely upon the care exercised by the Worshipful Master in selecting those who are to carry on this work. We quote:

"We can say what we please about effort and expense, and whether it is worth it and all such, but the fact remains that we are engaged in a long crusade for the dissemination of light, and every step which adds brilliance to the flame is a step in the forward movement."

The report of the Board of Control, as in other years, sets forth a splendid record of work done by the Boards of Relief throughout this jurisdiction. This work is magnificently organized, and is achieving wonderful success in finding employment and several forms of relief for brethren who are out of work or in need of a helping hand.

The Committee on Policy and General Purposes for the most part approved the recommendations of the Grand Master. This committee recommended the fraternal recognition of the following jurisdictions: Grand Lodge "Zur Sonne" of Bayreuth; Grand Lodge of Lessing; National Grand Lodge of Czecko-Slovakia; Swiss Grand Lodge of Alpina; National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla; National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Cartagena; Grand Lodge of the Republic at Bagota. With reference to requests for recognition from five Grand Lodges in Brazil and eight other Grand Lodges in South America and Mexico, the committee recommended that they were not in a position to take action at this time. The report of the committee was adopted.

Regarding dual membership, it appears that the principle of dual membership has been approved by the Grand Lodge of California for several years. This committee recommended the adoption of appropriate legislation to this end. On the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence an amendment to the Constitution was adopted which stipulated that no Mason shall be a member of more than one lodge in the jurisdiction of California at the same time, but apparently had the effect of permitting a member of a lodge in California to also retain his membership in a lodge in another jurisdiction.

The financial position of this Grand Jurisdiction is strong. There are only five jurisdictions in the United States having a larger membership than California, and their percentage in membership is the highest shown in the large Grand Jurisdictions. It is exceeded only by the

District of Columbia, New Mexico and Arizona, which are small jurisdictions numerically.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again presented by a committee of nine, headed by Brother Jesse M. Whited. It is on the topical plan, and is indeed a very informative report. It is followed by a very interesting Appendix giving statistics on many Masonic subjects. Under the topic "Reading—Interesting" there is set out for the attention of those interested, and who have access to the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, a list of orations, papers and reports which are deemed either entertaining, worthy of examination, or valuable for reference. There are thirty-five in number and appear on page 72 of this report. One is taken from the Alberta 1930 Proceedings, two from the Saskatchewan 1929 and two from the Saskatchewan 1930 Proceedings. This list is printed in full as an appendix to this report and we are indeed indebted to Brother Whited for this summary, which in itself constitutes a small Masonic Library.

Number of Lodges, 580.

Total membership, 142,062. Net gain, 3,410.

Grand Master, R. W. Bro. John Stewart Ross.

Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. John Whicher.

F.S.S.

COLORADO

Seventieth Annual Communication held at Denver, September 16th and 17th, 1930.

Reuben W. Hershey, Grand Master.

Alberta's representative, Bro. William S. Pickerill, was present.

The Grand Master regretted that he had found the year all too short to carry out the large and varied program that he had planned. The year in prospect appeared much longer than the year in retrospect. We quote from his address:

"Masonry is a vital force in the community in which we live—not so much the lodge as the individual Mason's thoughts, words and actions as he comes in contact with other individuals who may or may not be Masons. Some ask, 'What is wrong with Masonry?' My answer is that there is nothing wrong with Masonry or with Masons, but there is something radically wrong with some members of the Masonic Fraternity. This question has been asked for several years past, and this situation has been cleared up in different ways in the last three or four years by suspension and expulsion of some of those members who never had the least interest in Masonry except what they might get out of the Fraternity or its members. A genuine Mason joins the Fraternity with the idea of performing some service for some one other than himself, or to assist others in the work they are doing. Masonry is the same today as it was in the beginning, and will continue on until the end of time, as its principles are as old as the world.

"Individuals had and practised Masonry long before it was organized, and some people today who are not Masons are practising what Masons are being taught to do. The teachings of Masonry have always been needed, and always will be, for the good they have done

and will do for all the peoples in all places, regardless of creed or color, and Masonry has always been and always will be an educational institution for the uplift and upbuilding of the country, state and nation wherever it may have found a foothold. A community of any size may well be proud of a Masonic lodge."

Three Past Grand Masters, Joseph W. Milsom, Jesse C. Wiley and William D. Wright, died during the year.

Many questions for decision were referred to the Grand Master, but only one is set out, to the effect that a brother who has been indefinitely suspended for un-Masonic conduct by a lodge of which he was not a member can be reinstated only by the lodge of which he was a member at the time of his suspension.

Two corner stones were laid during the year. The Grand Master refused to lay a corner stone on the Sabbath Day. Colorado's contribution to the George Washington National Memorial Fund, which stood at 90 per cent, was brought up to the 100 per cent mark by a contribution from Grand Lodge. The Masonic Chain Prayer Letter comes in for condemnation.

The Grand Treasurer shows total assets of \$85,035.38.

The total membership now stands at 33,982, a gain of 372.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that a Committee of Past Grand Masters be appointed to present to the next meeting of Grand Lodge rules governing the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges.

R. W. Brother Howard T. Vaille, Grand Orator, delivered a splendid oration on the subject "The Kingdom and the Craftsmen," from which we quote:

"Masonry with its many symbols pictures man, that is, a man's character, as a living stone in that spiritual temple which God is erecting through eternity. Our ancient brethren as they wrought on these wonderful cathedrals felt that they were more than operative Masons, and that they were building to the glory of the Supreme Architect. As they knew that the great edifice was not going to be complete if a single stone, however insignificant, were missing, so we may believe that His spiritual temple will not be complete unless each of us does his part.

"Most of them were rough and illiterate men, yet today the world stands with awe and reverence before what they wrought. Why? Because zeal and the spirit of religious devotion, of reverence and of worship guided their chisel. Into the stone they carved something of their spiritual selves. Those are no dead piles of stone and of unmeaning timber. Some one has said, 'They sung their souls in stone.' In construction the Masters seemed guided by a divine spirit, accomplishing what architects of less faith would deem impossible.

"They felt that they were building up the Kingdom of God. And this, too, was in the Dark Ages, when men had lost their faith and religion meant hypocrisy, when the world was enveloped in a dark cloud of religious bigotry and intolerance, when the Inquisition was in force, and religious freedom and political liberty were crushed."

The Committee on Masonic Correspondence, composed of Brothers S. C. Warner, C. A. Harris and L. E. Bartz, presented a summary of the Proceedings of sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions, the work of its Chairman. Much interesting and useful information is contained therein. Alberta is quite fully noted.

Horace H. Mitchell, Colorado Springs, Grand Master.
William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

CONNECTICUT

1929

The One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M., was held at the Masonic Temple, Hartford, commencing Wednesday, February 6th, A.D. 1929. M. W. Brother Robert S. Walker, Grand Master, presided.

There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and forty-nine representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, including the Grand Representative of Alberta. Distinguished visitors present included M. W. Brother William T. Vanderlipp, Grand Master of New Jersey; M. W. Brother John A. Dutton, Grand Master of New York and M. W. Brother Edwin O. Chase, Grand Master of Rhode Island; the first two named being accompanied by other Grand Lodge officials from their respective jurisdictions. Vermont was represented by the Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Brother Charles B. Adams.

The annual address of M. W. Brother Walker, comprising some seventy pages of printed matter, had such an easy diction and pleasing style that one reads this lengthy address with keen interest and intellectual pleasure. Inevitably certain portions are purely statistical, but the greater part consists in a discussion of several interesting Masonic problems as relating to Masonry in Connecticut. The flowing diction and clear reasoning of the Grand Master easily carries the reader with him, and the writer can imagine with what wrapt attention his address was received by Grand Lodge. It appears that practically all his recommendations were accepted by Grand Lodge, which would indicate either a tribute to the Grand Master's persuasive eloquence or the soundness of his judgment, or possibly both. We quote from the introduction:

"Peace and harmony prevail, and every year Masonry is growing stronger in numbers and influence. The work before us is to continue that peace and harmony, to increase that influence, to keep to the old landmarks, yet permitting freedom for the development of Masonry in our midst."

The Grand Master gave six decisions on Masonic laws and procedure, of which two are of interest to the Craft generally:

"Q.—A brother was stricken from the roll, N.P.D., in 1908. He died in 1915 without paying his indebtedness. Is the lodge now justified in accepting back dues from his widow and issuing a certificate that such dues have been paid, so that she may apply for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star?"

"A.—No. The right to pay dues and receive such certificate ceased at his death."

"Q.—A resident of Connecticut registers as a student at a University in another State. In order to obtain reduction in tuition he claimed to be a resident there. As a matter of fact, he had no intention of residing there beyond the period necessary to complete his education. Upon his return to Connecticut, he immediately applied for the degrees of Masonry. Is he eligible?"

"A.—He is not. Having sought and obtained special privileges as a resident of another State, he became, to all intents and purposes, a resident of that State. He must reside in Connecticut one year after his return before he is eligible."

Commenting on the work of the District Deputies, the Grand Master says, "Every chartered lodge and two of the lodges under dispensation were visited; the work was found to be uniformly good, and in many lodges it is reported as excellent. An active interest in Masonry is in evidence in every District."

The Grand Master discussed at considerable length the problem presented by the large increase in the membership of the Fraternity during the last few years coupled, however, with a small increase in the number of lodges formed during the same period, resulting in many of the lodges acquiring a very large membership. The Grand Master expressed the opinion that Grand Lodge should assist in stimulating sentiment for more lodges and smaller lodges. For those interested in this question, the comparative statistics submitted by the Grand Master are highly informative, but space does not permit further reference thereto.

The Grand Master recommended the adoption of dual membership. On a favorable report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Grand Lodge later in the session adopted resolutions giving effect to this recommendation.

The financial position of this Grand Lodge appears to be excellent. A large part of the Report of the Proceedings is given over to reports on the benevolent activities of the Grand Lodge.

During the year under review this Grand Lodge lost by death three distinguished Grand Lodge officers.

At this communication M. W. Brother George A. Kies, who for many years had discharged the duties of Grand Secretary, retired from active labor in the duties of this office, but Grand Lodge appointed him Grand Secretary Emeritus with an annual salary of \$3,000.00. Grand Lodge passed a resolution that a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master to prepare a suitable resolution expressing the gratitude of the Grand Lodge to M. W. Brother George A. Kies for his faithful devotion to his duties as Grand Secretary. Later in the Installation ceremony M. W. Brother Kies was installed as Grand Secretary Emeritus, and presented with a beautiful basket of flowers.

A review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges to December 12th, 1930, was presented by Past Grand Master Kies. In his foreword he makes particular reference to lodge finances and education of novices. He adds to these two themes an appreciative reference to the Masonic Hospital for crippled children, supported by the Masons of the Philippine Islands. Alberta receives very generous treatment, the reviewer using no less than five extensive quotations from the Proceedings of 1928.

Total membership, 45,905. Net gain, 344.

Number of lodges, 121.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. George R. Sturges.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Winthorp Buck.

F.S.S.

CONNECTICUT

1930

The One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M., was held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Hartford, commencing Wednesday,

February, 5th A.D. 1930. M. W. Bro. George R. Sturges, Grand Master, presided.

There were seventeen Past Grand Masters in attendance, and forty-eight Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, Alberta not being represented.

During the year seven Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge were held, five being for the constitution of new lodges, one for the funeral of M. W. Brother Thomas McKenzie, P.G.M., and one for the dedication of a Masonic cemetery in connection with the Masonic Home at Wallingford, at all of which the Grand Master presided.

The annual address of Grand Master Sturges is a concise narrative of his official acts as Grand Master. The statistical portion thereof makes evident that he had a very busy year in discharging the duties of his exalted position. It is interesting to note that the Grand Master was able to pay official visits to six jurisdictions in more or less proximity to his home jurisdiction, namely, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont. He also was able to travel farther afield and pay a visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario at its annual meeting in July, and to the Grand Lodge of Texas in December.

We observe that the Grand Master and, we presume, the Masons in Connecticut, are sympathetic to the collateral Orders, four of them being referred to in the Grand Master's address, namely, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Order of De Molay for Boys, the Grotto, and Order of the Eastern Star. Among other organizations mentioned by the Grand Master are two Masonic Clubs, a Past Masters' Association, and a Masters', Wardens' and Secretaries' Association.

The Grand Master reported some eighteen Decisions, all of which are very interesting. We reproduce five of them:

"No. 5.—We are opposed to Masonic bodies offering prizes to be drawn for. They are lotteries within the broad meaning of the terms. Masons do not need to enter this field in order to finance themselves."

"No. 8.—The Master of a lodge, in his discretion, may order the ballot passed a second time, provided the result has not been declared, and no other business intervenes between such ballots. When declared the ballot is final, and if adverse, a petition from the same applicant cannot be entertained until after the expiration of six months."

"No. 14.—Held: A prospective candidate who has lost the third and fourth fingers on the right hand is not physically qualified to become a Mason."

"No. 16.—Held: To be improper for a lodge to restore to membership one who, since he was dropped for non-payment of dues, has been confined in a hospital for the insane."

"No. 18.—We deem it to be improper for us to issue a dispensation that will not take effect until after our term of office expires."

In conclusion, the Grand Master is able to make the happy announcement that, "There has been no element of discord of a serious nature in this Grand Jurisdiction as we have labored together in the discharge of our Masonic duties."

The Grand Lodge approved all the dispensations granted and the rulings made by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Finance presented a very complete analysis of the financial position of Grand Lodge, and also of the financial position and policy of this Grand Jurisdiction.

There were no other outstanding matters of general interest. The reports of the various committees indicate that Masonry is on a very sound basis in Connecticut.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence' the Grand Lodge granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Chile and authorized exchange of Grand Representatives. The review of other Grand Lodges to December 15th, A.D. 1929, was presented by M. W. Brother George A. Kies, Past Grand Master. Brother Kies has a very interesting foreword in which he deals with suspension N.P.D., Masonic fundamentals, perpetual jurisdiction and financing Temples. He makes a brief report on the earliest known account of a Masonic funeral, being that of Dr. Anderson, May 28th, A.D. 1739. An interesting comment reads thus, "Besides using corn, wine and oil, England and some others use salt as an emblem of hospitality." Alberta receives very generous and appreciative recognition from Brother Kies. Brother Kies is to be congratulated on the very instructive and readable reviews presented by him in this report.

Total membership, 46,046. Net gain, 251.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Elbert L. Darbie.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Winthrop Buck.

F.S.S.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Wilmington, on October 1st, 1930.

W. Bro. Geo. T. Macklin, our newly appointed Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, was present. This brother held the office of Grand Sword Bearer at this communication, while in the Grand Master's appointments we note R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock our Deputy Grand Master was appointed as their Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge.

No less than nine corner stones were well and truly laid with Masonic ceremony, two of them at one communication and all of them for educational institutions.

The Grand Master's address mentions that he was able to visit all the lodges in his jurisdiction. At each meeting special Masonic addresses were made, several by the Grand Master himself. He is a strong supporter of the Masonic Service Association and of the Grand Masters' Conference, attending meetings of both bodies, which are apparently doing much valuable work. The Grand Masters' Conference felt it to be necessary that they emphatically deny any thought or intention of forming a general Grand Lodge, or of infringing in any way upon the sovereignty of any Grand Lodge. The day is far off when any Grand Lodge will surrender even a portion of its authority in its own jurisdiction. In fact, Grand Lodges are only too prone to extend their powers and have successfully infringed the inherent rights of constituent lodges on more than one occasion.

Their Masonic Home shelters 27 guests. In all, 81 guests have been admitted to the Home since its opening in 1913. They have an investment of \$134,035.54 and are making a start to establish an endowment fund.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, presents the Report on Correspondence, Alberta receiving fraternal notice for M. W. Bro. Mitchell's year.

M. W. Bro. D. Raymond Keefer, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At the first stated meeting of this Grand Lodge, fraternal recognition was extended to the National Grand Lodge of Columbia, South America, and in declining to recognize, for the present, two other Grand Lodges in Brazil, very wisely suggested that after these Grand Lodges had been in existence for five years, a renewal of their requests would be in order.

Apparently there are other jurisdictions where the brethren find it somewhat irksome to open and close their lodges in the three degrees in the regular form. Their Committee on Work and Lectures has this to say about it, "1. It has a definite value in aiding brethren to master the Work, and therefore pass creditable examinations when visiting in other jurisdictions. 2. We feel that any departure from the ancient and established custom would result in carelessness and confusion. 3. The additional time involved cannot be very much and in no case should it be more than a few minutes (4 to 6) needed for the closing ceremony. We can find no real ground for charging late closing of lodges to the ritualistic work, and must conclude that there is not sufficient reason for any change in the opening and closing ceremonies of lodges."

The Grand Master's address at the Annual Communication, held on the 17th of December, 1930, states that Masonry in his Grand Jurisdiction is satisfactory in the face of the fact that they sustained a net loss in membership last year, and yet the total assets are improving.

He only reports two decisions: 1. That the death of an objector does not affect the status of a candidate who has been rejected on account of that objection. The objection must stand for the time laid down in the Constitution. 2. He also ruled that an objection to a visitor need not be made in open lodge, either orally or in writing, and an objection privately made to the Master is sufficient.

He approves of the visitations made annually by the Grand Officers to the forty-four lodges in the jurisdiction, claiming that they are of great mutual advantage to the lodge and to Grand Lodge.

The Fraternity in this jurisdiction seems to be afflicted with the same desire for novelty and "stunts" that has been generally prevalent. The Grand Master refers to "Degree Teams", made up of members of several lodges, conferring degrees in regular lodges incorrectly or deliberately changed from the authorized version. He took immediate steps to stop the practice. No such Degree Team can now confer degrees unless they satisfy the Grand Lecturer that they are competent. His prompt action is to be commended. He also impressed on the brethren the necessity of observing with decorum and dignity, Masonic

usages and customs, when attending lodge. His stand is timely and well taken. Masonic lodges when at work should be punctilious in observing the courteous manners and customs of brethren in lodge assembled.

He recommends that no organization predicated its membership on Masonry shall be organized in the District of Columbia without the consent of Grand Lodge. This recommendation does not affect similar organizations already in existence.

Another recommendation is that no lodge shall build or invest its funds in a Masonic building unless the plan has the approval of a special committee of Grand Lodge, appointed for the purpose of investigating such schemes.

In the passing of M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baird, Past Grand Master, Masonry not only in the District of Columbia, but internationally, has suffered a severe loss. His work as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence for thirty years won for him world-wide respect and friendship and his sturdy outspoken reviews were always of interest. M. W. Bro. James A. West, P.G.M., has succeeded to his chair and presents an excellent report. His "Foreword" is very interesting. Alberta receives fraternal notice.

M. W. Bro. C. Fred Cook, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W. S. K.

ENGLAND

The United Grand Lodge of England meets quarterly. At the March Communication the Grand Master H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, was re-elected and proclaimed for the thirtieth occasion.

Thirty-seven Hallstone Lodge Medals were presented in connection with Masonic Million Memorial, and to quote the M. W. Grand Master in part: "There must be something visible to all the world, of solid substance and conspicuous beauty, and of material advantage to mark and commemorate the wonderful period of expansion and prosperity in which we, as Masons, have been fortunate enough to live, as well as to commemorate our most sacred feelings at the greatest crisis of our history as a nation. We must have something to show that we have lived not merely for ourselves and for our own day, but also for posterity, as those indeed who lay claim to the name of 'Builders' ought to do. Something to show that although we are not all Operative Masons, we are nevertheless, Builders in the true sense, in that we have made such progress in our Speculative Craft that we have a corporate spirit and an enduring object that is symbolized by a superb edifice."

Warning was issued that members of lodges under the English Constitution were not permitted to visit those English speaking lodges in France which are under the Grand Orient of France.

The Grand Lodge of Lessing, Zu den Ringen at Prague, the National Grand Lodge of Czecho Slovakia at Prague, the National Grand Lodge of Roumania and the Grand Lodge of Jugoslavia at Belgrade were recognized.

The M. W. Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, celebrated his 80th birthday on the occasion of his installation and expressed his gratitude for the many telegrams of good wishes he had received from other Grand Lodges and from the provincial district and private lodges under his jurisdiction.

The Grand Master also sent a telegram of fraternal good wishes to the forty-nine Grand Lodges in the United States of America on the occasion of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the First Grand Lodge recognition of American Freemasonry on June 5th, 1730.

At the September Communication announcement was made that Her Majesty, the Queen, had through the M. W. the Grand Master, presented to the Grand Lodge library and the museum, a library box of 18th Century workmanship engraved with various Masonic emblems and obviously of French workmanship. The thanks of Grand Lodge were conveyed to Her Majesty through M. W. Grand Master for this further proof of Royal recognition of the Craft which has been so frequently and strikingly displayed for two hundred years.

The Deputation sent to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary reported they had been received with the utmost cordiality both in Toronto and Montreal and they had found everywhere evidence of devotion to the Craft and fraternal affection for the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Lodge of England is only now taking steps to raise funds for administration by way of per capita levy through the lodges as we do here. Heretofore, they only raised revenue in that way for benevolence and for a building fund. This latter assessment will now cease as that purpose is being accomplished in a larger way. At the December Communication, a very interesting debate took place on the question and on reading the various speeches made, one is forcibly reminded of similar debates in our own Grand Lodge when matters of revenue and expenditure come up. It was curious to note that the identical arguments for and against were in evidence while all the way through courtesy, forbearance and good humour characterized the discussion which ended in a unanimous adoption of the proposal.

The great Masonic schools and other charities supported by the Grand Lodge of England in spite of the depression which is affecting all alike, are still carried on efficiently and without any curtailment, while their magnificent Masonic Peace Memorial Building is gradually nearing completion.

J. H. W. S. K.

FLORIDA

The One Hundred and First Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Florida was held at Tallahassee, April 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1930. M. W. Bro. Stafford Caldwell, Grand Master.

During the communication a suitable ceremony and the unveiling of a tablet marked the century anniversary. May we offer our humble congratulations with the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may continue to bless Freemasonry in Florida and raise up men worthy of carrying on the high traditions of the past. Many distinguished

visitors from adjoining states and other branches of the Craft joined in the celebrations.

To properly appraise the Grand Mastership of Bro. Caldwell one can only do so by speaking in terms of superlatives. Here was a man with a trained legal mind, engaged in busy practice, devoting nine-tenths of his time to Craft affairs and bringing to the task an ability marked for its executive and administrative powers, giving fearless leadership, fully realizing that those who are elected ought to govern. The hurried consideration so often given to important matters in Grand Lodge resulting in snap judgments for which we repent later, was the first hurdle that Bro. Caldwell met. Where he felt Grand Lodge had erred, realizing all his acts would be reviewed by a critical committee in due time, without hesitation actions were countermanded and an opposite tack followed. Resignation of Florida from the Masonic Service Association was not carried out, charters ordered arrested or revoked were more wisely dealt with, new precedents were created and rulings given and to all this he had the supreme satisfaction of having every act confirmed both by committee and Grand Lodge.

Among interesting rulings of the Grand Master were: A lodge may not appoint a member to officially represent it upon any public body; it is quite proper to use the Masonic funeral service over cremated remains; that a lodge opening in the E.A. or F.C. degree is still a lodge and that the lawful assembly of Masons in either of these degrees for the purpose of conferring degrees is a communication of the lodge without the necessity of opening in the M.M. degree; that a Mason could not file charges in a lodge of which he is not a member.

Recommendations of M. W. Brother Caldwell which met with approval were the re-districting of the State, steps taken to ensure uniformity of the work, revision of the monitor and code of by-laws, the payment of District Deputies' expenses and the provision whereby members may be suspended after six months delinquency of dues rather than twelve months. He early realized that there was too great a gap between Grand Lodge officers and the particular lodges and their individual members. Finances were such that they forbade the publication of a journal so the principle was adopted of sending copies to every elected officer in particular lodges of all orders and communications of more than ordinary importance, keeping the District Deputies informed as to the acts and doings of the Grand Master, and the sending of a personal letter of greeting to every newly raised Master Mason and to each newly affiliated member from other jurisdictions.

Evidences of the executive ability of the Grand Master were shown in his ability to reduce the cost of the Home per guest to the amount of \$162.24 per year and the successful selling of \$200,000 of bonds to the Craft in order to fund indebtedness of Grand Lodge owing to the fifteen month period which occurred with the changing of the date of meeting of Grand Lodge and accumulated deficits.

Two stalwart Past Grand Masters, Lamar G. Carter and Benjamin E. Dyson, during the year received their summonses to appear before the throne in the unseen Temple where now they labor upon fully revealed designs.

The report of Foreign Correspondence of M. W. Brother Ely P. Hubbell is as usual interesting and complete, but it will be remembered and referred to particularly for the chart which he has compiled after much labor and correspondence, wherein is contained the name of each regular Grand Lodge in the world and the list of all other Grand Lodges

with whom they are in fraternal relations. World Freemasonry is indebted to Bro. Hubbell.

Number of Lodges, 265. Membership, 31,262. Loss, 1039.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wallace R. Cheves.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. P. Webster.

V.H.M.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in Macon, October 28th and 29th, 1930. M. W. Bro. Hugh W. Taylor Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. Wallace Cheves, Grand Master of Florida and R. W. Bro. E. E. Sykes, Deputy Grand Master of Louisiana. Considerable sentiment attached to the visit of M. W. Bro. Cheves inasmuch as he first saw Masonic light in a lodge in Georgia and was installed as Grand Master of Florida by the Grand Master of Georgia.

Pursuant to their law which states that a Grand Representative shall forfeit his appointment upon missing two consecutive communications of Grand Lodge, several new representatives were appointed through the year and were received for the first time. Alberta's new representative was among these. The Grand Lodge of Maine did not consider it sufficient cause for the revoking of their appointee and requested that he be re-appointed, which was granted.

The Grand Master, reporting his visitations, sings a paeon of praise for the Shrine in his reference to a visit to Toronto at the time of the unveiling of the "Peace Monument." Speaking of the Monument he expressed a hope that it may be comparable to the Statue of Liberty in its symbolism of peace and good will.

The Jurisprudence Committee failed to agree with the Grand Master who held that a violation of the prohibition law carrying with it a penal sentence should not in itself be a bar to advancement. However, they did agree with him that violation of the State Game and Fish law was not considered a Masonic offence.

An unusual prerogative exercised by the Grand Master was the making of a Mason at sight. The grounds for so doing were that this brother, now over 80 years of age, a judge of the county court and father of the Grand Treasurer, had been elected to receive the degrees of Masonry when called to the colors in the Civil War. In one of the engagements he lost a leg and has walked on crutches ever since, apparently debarred from receiving his degrees by virtue of the casualty. Perhaps there will be those who will criticize the Grand Master, not for the intent, but for the manner of the execution, and the exceedingly long delay.

Georgia has engaged in an activity believed to be unique—the promotion among the Craft and High School students of the study of the Book of Proverbs. Essay contests are held for which the Grand Lodge donates as prizes some \$400.00.

Most Grand Jurisdictions are being forced to trim their expenditures considerably and it is not surprising to find the Finance Com-

mittee recommending that not more than one page in the Foreign Correspondence report be devoted to a single Grand Lodge.

A bill to elect all the Grand Lodge officers was rejected.

In his prelude sermonette to the Report on Foreign Correspondence, Raymond Daniel contends that Freemasonry is not religion, not the hand-maiden of it, but rather is an institution with precepts approaching that of religion wherein it is hoped man may find himself but more especially his brother. He presents an admirable review of Alberta Proceedings of 1929.

Membership, 62,281. Loss, 1,661.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. G. Mealow.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. F. F. Baker.

V.H.M.

IDAHO

Sixty-third Annual Communication held at Twin Falls, September 9th, 1930.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Frank D. Mumford, Grand Master.

Alberta was not represented.

Idaho, as Alberta, is finding the system of District Meetings valuable. Says the Grand Master: "The beneficial effect on the affairs of Masonry is very marked."

"We must have an educated membership if Masonry is to fulfill its destiny," remarks the Grand Master, and Idaho is carrying on its program along conventional lines.

The vexed question of the Eighteenth Amendment, its violation by members of the Craft and the attitude of lodges to these violating brethren, is dealt with by Grand Master Mumford in unequivocal terms. It is certainly not within our sphere to criticize the Eighteenth Amendment but we most heartily agree with the Grand Master that it is constitutional law and not to be flouted by a Fraternity which prides itself on support of common law. The letter itself is unfortunately too lengthy to be reproduced in full but we feel we must quote the following significant sentiments:

"The saloon keeper of former days conducted an honorable business according to the terms of the law. The modern 'bootlegger' has little or nothing to be said in his favor. He knowingly risks his honor and his Masonic standing for a few unclean dollars. Sympathy for him is far-fetched and misplaced. It is idle to extend Masonic charity, brotherly affection or sympathy to one who does not even try to live right. His presence in the lodge is offensive to a large majority.

"It is not recommended that Masonic lodges become law-enforcement centres, or that we become suspicious of each other, or turn spy and attempt to bring petty offenders to punishment. Far from it. Nothing so foolish is suggested. But when a member engages in the illicit sale of liquor, falls afoul of the civil authorities and is convicted in the courts, or when his offenses are well established, even though

the civil authorities have taken no action, there is no other proper course left open but to have him brought to trial."

We respectfully compliment you, M. W. Sir, on the only stand a Mason can take regardless of his personal views on this tremendous question.

The Grand Master rules that a lodge may give a Masonic funeral to a suicide, "if it desires to spread the broad mantle of Charity."

Brief reference is made to the Grand Masters' Conference and the Washington Memorial Fund to which Idaho has subscribed about sixty cents per capita.

The Grand Master's closing remarks are eloquent and as a last quotation we choose:

"While lodges and Grand Lodges can do a great deal to keep the membership on a high plane by strict examination of those who seek to enter, and by promptly and sternly disciplining those within whose conduct brings reproach upon the Fraternity and who refuse to heed wise counsel, yet each individual member must live his own life. It is his duty to shape his conduct in accordance with the obligations he has assumed."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence besides presenting a full review of the Proceedings of other jurisdictions is an excellent resume of the meat of all reports and definitely indicates trends.

The Annual Oration, printed in full, deals with the Great Lights and is an excellent exposition of the topic.

Every Grand Lodge reflects a certain "local flavor" and we always enjoy the "flavor" of pioneer days which Idaho proudly and wisely features in her annual volume. Much of her early pioneer life is identical with similar conditions in Alberta and so the references to the "earlies" are vastly palatable.

The usual statistical reports and a well-balanced review of Foreign Correspondence in which, as usual, Alberta receives kindly mention rounds out a neat report.

Sixty-fourth Annual Communication at Boise, September 8th, 1931.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jay Glover Eldridge, Moscow.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Curtis F. Pike, Boise.

A. M. M.

ILLINOIS

The Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Chicago, on Tuesday, October 14th, 1930.

Previous to the opening of Grand Lodge a musical program was rendered as well as an address on "Chicago." This address is worthy of perusal but too lengthy to quote.

M. W. Bro. Edward C. Muller, the Grand Master, presided and he was supported by nine Past Grand Masters.

The address of the Grand Master covers fourteen pages. In his address he referred to "The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada" and urged on Chicago lodges and those in the surrounding country to be subscribing members. At present 100 out of 250 subscribe to the fund.

We excerpt from M. W. Bro. Muller's address:

"Our ideas regarding Masonry are often based only on what we see and hear in our lodges. Indeed, much of our Masonic wording has drifted into the language of the street because of our lack of understanding. If we are ever to have a clearer insight into the teachings of Masonry we must have some perception of its relation to the realities of life, for the whole scheme is nothing more or less than an elaborate allegory of the time we spend here on this visible plane of existence, namely: youth, manhood and age. For more than half a century, there has been a growing tendency to concern ourselves with the mere outer form of the institution, giving little heed to the ideals from which it had its birth, and losing sight of the inner meanings illustrated by its symbols. Our ambitions for the institution, I am sure, are as wide as the universe. Yet, I cannot help but feel that we are making a mistake by allowing our doors to stand open to the public. I am referring to Installations and Dedications. There is no good reason why all of the entertainment indulged in after these ceremonies have been propounded, could not take place at some future time. I ask that you give this matter serious thought."

In Alberta these ceremonies are behind tyled doors.

The Grand Master touched a subject that no doubt is agitating Grand Lodges the world over. We quote in full:

"Throughout the State, we find conditions materially changing. Hard roads have effectually revolutionized the affairs of the State, Freemasonry not excepted. Lodges located within a radius of eight or ten miles of each other are now suffering from a lack of attendance, because Masons are not inconvenienced in the least these days in getting to other lodges forty or fifty miles distant if they are interested. The consequence is that where the small lodge has heretofore been successful, today it is struggling. This condition is prevalent in Chicago, the county of Cook and in fact all over the State. A situation is created here that will need the closest attention of the officers of this Grand Lodge.

"It occurs to me that it would be much more profitable for the entire membership now scattered throughout the State in little groups if they were carefully co-ordinated in strong community or centrally located lodges which might be more beneficial to the community and to the institution as a whole. This would do away with so many small lodges struggling in little nooks and crannies of the State, some of which are existing today in name only. There is a magnetism, and an inspiration which we all feel and enjoy when assembled in a live, enthusiastic meeting. I realize that it might be a hardship for some Masons to surrender what they feel is their Masonic home, and perhaps the name of the lodge that gave them their Masonic birth, yet because of the serious financial condition which now confronts us, sooner or later this matter will need vigorous attention."

The Grand Master agrees with Past Grand Master Emmerson in the advisability of allowing a candidate to receive his Entered Apprentice degree in a lodge other than where he was elected. This has many advantages. A recommendation from the Committee on Jurisprudence was made to change the Code accordingly.

In his report he speaks of the work of investigating committees and falsifying petitions.

"It is intended that the portals of Masonry shall be opened only to men of good character and intentions.

"It was never Masonry's purpose to admit to its fraternity unwholesome or weak characters in the hope that they might be reformed into good Masons. The offences requiring discipline are in many cases caused by those who were never prepared to be admitted to Masonry, and a careful investigation of their petitions for admission would have shown that they were not of good report.

"Our Code provides that every petitioner for degrees shall be recommended by three members of the lodge, each of whom has a personal acquaintance with the petitioner. The inescapable burden is upon the recommending brethren to know that the petitioner possesses qualifications of character and is in other respects fitted to receive the degrees. No Mason should recommend a petitioner until he knows or learns by careful investigation that the applicant possesses the necessary moral, physical and mental qualifications. When a Mason recommends a petitioner for the privileges of Masonry he does so on his honor as a Mason. As a further safeguard against improper persons joining our ranks, our Code provides that an Investigating Committee of three members of the lodge must be appointed who "shall see the applicant personally and diligently inquire into his moral, mental and physical qualifications, etc." and make report to the Master. It has come to my attention that at times some members of the Investigating Committees fail to 'diligently' inquire into the qualifications of the applicant and some do not even see the applicant personally. Such conduct by a member of an Investigating Committee whether due to indifference, lack of understanding of his duties, the failure of the Master and other officers to impress upon him the importance of his mission, is downright laziness and to say the least, inexcusable."

Schools of Instruction were conducted throughout Illinois and reported on by the Board of Grand Examiners.

For those lodges in Alberta which might be at a low ebb financially we would recommend the reading in full of the Report of the Committee on Financial Research of Illinois.

We missed the review of Alberta.

Number of Lodges, 1015. Membership, 294,011. Decrease, 198.

M. W. Bro. Edward C. Mullen, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Richard C. Davenport, Grand Secretary.

M. W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, Correspondent.

M.M.D.

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was called to order in the Masonic Temple in the City of Indianapolis on May 27th, 1930. M. W. Bro. Jere West, the M. W. Grand Master, presided and was supported by eighteen Past Grand Masters.

We note the attendance of Alberta's representative M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz.

The address of the Grand Master covered fifty-five pages of the Proceedings. In his address he reports a conference of representatives from the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia having in view the appointment of a joint committee on Masonic Welfare Work in time of war. The idea is for this Joint Committee to function during any national emergency. The area covered by these Grand Lodges is the Fifth Corps Area. We would have thought that the endeavors of these Grand Bodies would be along lines of Universal Peace.

Some Masons of Indiana started a chain letter. The Grand Master rightly condemned this practice in no uncertain terms.

The Grand Master made the following decisions which were approved:

1.—Lodge can assess for charitable purposes and if not paid by member, he can be suspended after trial.

2.—Petitioner must reside in jurisdiction of lodge when petition is received by lodge.

3.—Charges should be preferred against a brother convicted of bootlegging. Held that bootlegging is a very grave offence against Masonry.

4.—No brother can be suspended for non-payment of dues except he be charged in writing and tried in the regular way for violation of Masonic Laws.

5.—Held that lodge picnics could not be held on Sunday.

6.—A dimit being granted cannot be reconsidered at a subsequent meeting.

It is interesting to note that Section 137 of the General Regulations reads as follows:

"The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is a Masonic offence, and if a brother persists therein after being admonished by his lodge, it is the duty of the lodge to suspend or expel him."

The Order of the Eastern Star is allowed to hold its meetings in the Masonic Halls but as yet this privilege has not been extended to Job's Daughters, a junior organization.

From Grand Master Kiper's address we excerpt as follows:

"Masonry is a universal institution. Its parallel is not furnished by history. It has never been obscured by the darkness of night and the light which comes from the East has shone the brightest where oppression was the strongest. Its influence may be traced in all lands and in the remotest periods of history. It is recognized and esteemed among all civilized people and to it the wisest of men in all ages have bowed with respect.

"Masonry joined hands with mankind in the eternal quest for peace and happiness and has been identified with all human agencies designed to develop and cultivate the moral sentiment, the social principle and the benevolent affections, a higher reverence for God and a warmer love for man.

"Masonry teaches that a good and righteous life is the greatest achievement of the Master Builder, and an honest endeavor to give

to the home and the state the highest type of manhood is the duty of a Mason.

"This, my brethren, is the Institution to which we pledge our loyalty and support."

M. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay presents the Review, giving the membership in detail of the United States and Canada. Membership in the United States is 3,306,500, and in Canada 202,493. He gave to Alberta a very liberal review.

Number of Lodges, 557. Membership, 129,990. Gain, 547.

M. W. Bro. Roscoe Kiper, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, Grand Secretary.

M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, Reviewer.

M. M. D.

IOWA

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held in the City of Des Moines on June 10th, 1930. M. W. Brother Charles A. Dewey, Grand Master, presided. He was supported by fifteen Past Grand Masters.

Previous to the formal opening of Grand Lodge, among the addresses delivered was one from Mrs. Sarah Bachman, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. In Alberta "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans".

We excerpt from the opening part of the Grand Master's address:

"This is the greatest age that has ever been known in the history of the world in which to live. Progress in science and invention has provided more comforts and furnished more diversified pleasures and interests than were ever known.

"We are living in an experimental age of government in these United States wherein we are trying as individuals and without supervision by a king or an emperor, to run a country by ourselves and retain unto ourselves the greatest degree of liberty consonant with an orderly scheme of government.

"But the increased standard of living, the wealth accrued from advancement in science and invention, and the liberality of our laws in protecting the rights of the individual, all have encouraged moral delinquencies and immoral practices that threaten society and even our government.

"There is, therefore, greater need than ever before that we as individuals and as integral parts in our scheme of democratic government, teach, inculcate and emphasize principles of morality.

"Masonry has been defined as a series of moral lessons taught agreeably to ancient usage, by types, emblems and allegorical figures. Its aim is to teach moral principles to the individual that he may be a better person and thereby a better Mason and a better member of society.

"The advancement of Masonry then is worthy of the best efforts of all interested in the progress, advancement and stability of society, government and civilization."

Corner stones were laid by Grand Lodge for two schools and one Masonic Temple. The Grand Master was represented by proxy in all cases.

The Grand Master found some weak and struggling lodges during the year. This must be more apparent as we find better conveniences for travel. We quote from his address:

"We have a few weak and struggling lodges, working under the most trying difficulties, by reason of changed conditions. The Board of Custodians have recommended to several of these lodges that they should give serious consideration to a plan of uniting forces with some strong lodge, or by surrendering their charter, in order that those within that jurisdiction might seek affiliation with some other lodge if so desired."

Speaking of suspensions for non-payment of dues we read further:

"In connection with what I have said about changed conditions affecting some of the lodges of the State, I would like to observe that in my opinion some injustice is being done to worthy brethren who are being suspended for non-payment of dues without proper investigation as to whether dues in certain cases should be remitted.

"Several times my attention has been called to instances where worthy brethren had been dropped for non-payment of dues, and shortly after the family requested a Masonic funeral which was not permitted by reason of the suspension.

"It seems to me that before a brother should be suspended for non-payment of dues, a committee should be appointed to wait upon him and find out his real financial condition. This would not be necessary where circumstances were known to the officers of the lodge. But especially in the larger cities where personal contact is not easily made. It seems to me there should be a committee of the lodge that should have this in charge and which should carefully investigate before reporting that the brother should be suspended for non-payment of dues.

"I have been told that sometimes wives do not tell their husbands of notices that are received by them, as they do not like to have them attend lodge. And this is another argument in favor of the committee. Also, if care is taken before the suspension is made, questions of reinstatement for the relief of widows and orphans would not so often arise."

A number of decisions were rendered by the Grand Master and all conform to usage in Alberta except we recognize a brother with all privileges as soon as he has received his third degree. An examination of proficiency is not really necessary as we see it. Looks as if Iowa joins the Grand Jurisdictions favoring Dual Membership. Believe it will help Iowa and many other jurisdictions.

There has been organized in Iowa a Masonic Secretaries' Guild and secretaries of all Masonic Bodies in the State are eligible for membership. One of the bylaws reads:

"The object of this Guild shall be to promote the best interests of Masonry in Iowa by more intelligent and efficient secretarial service."

This ought to be a good organization in any city:

The Grand Lodge Bulletin continues to fill a want in Iowa and the rest of the Masonic world. The circulation has been about 8,000.

The Grand Charity Fund is regulated much like Alberta's Benevolent Fund. Principal invested and cannot be used for any other purpose than reinvestment. The interest to be placed in the temporary fund which is used for relief work. We excerpt from the committee's report:

"May we again call special attention to the little folks. Among our beneficiaries are thirty-six families with a total of one hundred and nine minor children, to whom was contributed during the last year, \$10,860.09. Probably considerable sums have been donated by lodges of which we have no record. No more worthy use can be made of our funds than by helping the needy father and mother care for and educate their children. No institution can take the place of the family circle. There is an influence in the respectable home, however humble it may be, that no institution can duplicate."

Capital Charity Fund amounts to \$558,000. The Grand Lodge of Iowa also maintains a sanatorium.

Perhaps the most outstanding work outlined in the proceedings is that of the Masonic Service Committee. Much was due to the leadership of M. W. Bro. Dewey, but this committee has been functioning for some years. For the leaders in Alberta we would advise the study of this report in full. We excerpt the opening paragraph of the report:

"Your Masonic Service Committee comes to you with the feeling that if 'General Apathy' had seemed to be well entrenched in this jurisdiction, he is now defeated by 'General Interest'. It has been our pleasure to marshal some of the troops of 'General Service' in this year's campaign to accomplish that purpose, and this report will try to record some of the efforts and results that confirm our belief that our lodges of Iowa will firmly hold the positions they have attained and press on to further objectives."

And the closing paragraphs:

"We must frankly face the fact that these post-war years have been years of readjustment. The economic stress and strain, the marked individualism, and the general tension and restlessness—all these have affected Masonry as well as other institutions. Much of this is reflected in the suspensions for non-payment of dues.

"All this is rightly a matter for fraternal concern; but we are convinced that the work of this committee has served signally as an antidote for waning lodge interest. Our files are filled with letters from local lodge leaders in testimony that service meetings have been fraternal 'revivals', reawakening interest in the ritual, pride in the tradition, zeal in the fellowship, and loyalty in the labors of Freemasonry. Especially effective to this end were the District Conferences of the past year."

In dealing with lodge financing Iowa amended its Constitution, making Section 87 read:

"No lodge shall hereafter invest any of its funds in any manner or obligate itself in any way for the purpose of acquiring or erecting a Masonic Temple, Masonic Hall or other structure for the occupancy, in whole or in part, of a Masonic lodge, until after the plan for financing such building, and the plans and specifications of such structure, together with estimates of costs, shall have been submitted to and ap-

proved by a majority of a special committee, consisting of the Grand Treasurer, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge, and a member appointed by the Grand Master."

M. W. Brother Louis Block, the Fraternal Correspondent, gives to Alberta two pages of the review. We would like to quote the entire foreword of the Iowa Review and would commend the reading of it to every earnest student of Masonry in Alberta. Brother Block gives credit to the London Freemason for the following:

"Three elements are contributing to the demoralization of Freemasonry, and unless the Fraternity can be brought to see the danger ahead it will not be long until the Masonry of the fathers will be no more. These elements are:

1.—A crude endeavor to make Masonry conform to every new fashion.

2.—The fact that lodges are making it their chief business to amuse and entertain.

3.—A feeling that Masons are imparting teaching they do not believe and practise.

"Analyse the conditions in your own lodge and see how far the truth has been mistated above. The tendency of the times is to popularize Masonry and to make it so attractive that candidates will come in by the dozen. Freemasonry is no longer an exclusive society such as existed fifty years ago. The measure of Masonic prosperity is numerical. Each succeeding Master sets a new record, and thus the grind of degrees continues, to the end that the roll of members is expanded and the treasury enhanced. The practical working of the Fraternity is lost sight of, and no wonder that every new fashion beckons conformity, and the wits are called upon for odd and freakish means of entertainment. We need a new Hiram to draw designs of true Masonry."

Number of Lodges, 557 Membership, 82,221. Decrease, 1,487.

M. W. Bro. John W. Gannaway, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

IRELAND

The frontispiece in the Annual Proceedings is a portrait of the R. W. Raymond F. Brooke, newly installed Deputy Grand Master, successor to the R. W. Col. Claude Cane, who held the office for ten years and resigned because of ill health. His farewell speech at the Annual Communication mentions particularly the hearty co-operation and mutual goodwill existing at all times between himself and the Grand Master, Rt. Hon. the Earl Donoughmore as well as all the Grand Officers, making for successful team work in solving their problems and when he reminds us of the ten eventful years just passed in that Grand Jurisdiction and especially the period between 1920 and 1924 as the "most critical in all their history," we can realize what it meant to guide the Masonic ship safely through those times of storm and stress in Ireland. That they did so and also brought their wonderful Masonic schools and other charities through those perilous days, not only safely but without having to curtail their scope for lack of support,

was a wonderful achievement, one which should be more widely known and used as an example in these days of world wide financial depression, for it meant more than finding money. It meant courage, patience, tact and an unflinching faith in the brotherhood of Irish Craft Masonry, to cope with the situation. The R. W. Bro. said, "I think it is Masonry, and Masonry alone that could have bridged over the gulf that existed in Ireland . . . my aim and object during the whole of my period of office, was to strengthen and unify the Grand Lodge of Ireland, heal all possible divisions and dissensions, to make it supreme and not only to keep its place in the world, but if possible, to give it a better place in the Masonic world."

Our problems in Alberta are simple compared to those which tried our Irish brethren in that troublous time, and such as they are, will always be capable of solution by following their example of maintaining the same fraternal relations with each other, that they did, by literally carrying out the precepts so often reiterated in our lodges.

Later, R. W. Bro. Claude Cane, was presented with a Loving Cup, "a faithful representation of the Athy Cup, taken from the Book of Kells," and beautifully executed in silver by a famous Dublin firm of silversmiths, Messrs. Chancellor.

As the office Deputy Grand Master carries with it the office of W. M. of the Grand Lodge of Instruction, in order not to be deprived "of the skill and knowledge of so erudite and experienced a brother," the Grand Lodge of Instruction, elected R. W. Bro. Col. Claude Cane, a member, and his election was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

Interesting reports are printed from provincial Grand Lodges. The one from South Africa, (Northern), mentions the formation of a new provincial Grand Lodge in Rhodesia, with five lodges, and in order to form this Grand Body the Grand Lodge officers had to travel one thousand miles each way from Johannesburg for the occasion.

Present financial conditions affect Ireland as seriously as all the rest of the world, and while their reports show that subscriptions to their charities are somewhat reduced, the secretary hopes that when the accounts are closed, the position will be much improved.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence.

J. H. W. S. K.

KANSAS

Seventy-fourth Annual Communication held at Topeka, February, 19th, 1930.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. George F. Beezley, Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Paul M. Martin.

Doctors differ 'tis said, and here is one Grand Master who differs. In the introduction of his address he says:

"The need of the hour is not that we put more modernism into Masonry, but that we should move Masonic Fundamentalism into our present day Modernism. For then, and only then, will we be worthy of the proud title of Masons." Sorry we can't agree, M. W. Sir. The world do wag, ye know.

Here is another Grand Lodge which shows a decrease in membership, 1,487 to be exact. The Grand Master refuses to be alarmed and makes a rather startling statement in his closing remark under this head:

"The officers of the lodges are not required to be exhorters to those whose interest, from one cause or another or from no cause whatever, may lag. A responsibility rests on the brother himself and the matter of interest is personal. If, therefore, a name is dropped from the roll of members because the brother fails to display the interest necessary to keep it there, we may well conclude that we have not suffered injury by such loss."

The implications of this statement are so many that space forbids discussion, but we must say that we consider one of the primary functions of officers to be "exhorters" in the sense of being leaders in interest. Letting a flood of "dropped" members loose, each armed with the secrets of the Order and without any attempt to retain these brethren for service seems a procedure fraught with unpleasant consequences.

Feeling reference is made to the passing of the Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master frowns upon the practice, quite common in our jurisdiction, of soliciting transfer of membership when a brother has changed his place of residence from the jurisdiction of one lodge to another. He feels that "the display of a true brotherly spirit to a sojourning brother is far more essential than the building up of a large membership".

The present depression and consequent serious unemployment is reflected in an interesting decision by the Grand Master:

"A lodge may lawfully appropriate and use its funds towards the maintenance of an employment bureau to be conducted under the direction of the lodge or in co-operation with other Masonic lodges for the purpose of securing positions for their brethren who are unemployed."

He rules, however, that lodges may not contribute of their funds toward the erection of a Community Hospital or the maintenance of a Boy Scout Troop neither of which projects are within the meaning of charity as defined by the laws of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

The Masonic Home and its operation is the subject of most enthusiastic comment.

From the report of the Grand Librarian we cull the following remark, applicable we are afraid to many libraries, Masonic and otherwise:

"Two things must be admitted: that we have a fine Library, the nucleus in fact of a great one, and that it is serving the Fraternity but very little."

Two orations or lectures appear both very much worth perusal, particularly that entitled "Masonry and What It Means."

Voluminous statistical tables and a Report of Foreign Correspondence in which Alberta receives generous mention complete a fine volume.

Seventy-fifth Annual Communication at Wichita, February 18th, 1931.

Grand Master, Jay B. Kirk, Iola.

Grand Secretary, Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

A.M.M.

KENTUCKY

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky met for the One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication in Louisville, October 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1930. M. W. Grand Master Frank D. Rash, presided.

What would seem like a record was the presence of twenty-five Past Grand Masters, every living Past Grand Master since 1896, as well as several of earlier years, including the "doyen" of them all, M. W. Brother Orndorff, Grand Master in 1884. Such a galaxy of those who had borne the heat and burden of the day must have been a source of great inspiration to M. W. Brother Frank D. Rash. The sympathy of Alberta goes out to Kentucky upon the loss by death within one year of three of her Past Grand Masters.

Among the distinguished visitors was John H. Cowles, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, who gave an address on the extension of world peace. We regret that the address was not included in the report.

A matter which caused some embarrassment to Grand Lodge was the circulating of a letter to the jurisdiction by one of the subordinate lodges which felt it had a grievance when one of its oldest members was refused admittance to the Home on the grounds that his mind was unsound owing to senility. Grand Lodge upheld the Home officials in their contention that the institution was only for those sound in mind and body, that the acceptance of other than such would result in confusion, and that the State provided homes better fitted for the needs of those particular cases. The matter of a subordinate lodge circularizing the jurisdiction without consent from Grand Lodge does not seem to have been dealt with, certainly similar action in Alberta would have called for severe censure.

Several corner stones were laid, including that of the Scottish Rite Temple in Louisville.

The splendid Home for Widows and Orphans opened several years ago is a brilliant gem in the diadem of Kentucky, not alone for the elaborate completeness of the scheme but for the astute business management which it has enjoyed from the start. Costing over \$2,000,000, it was found that the committee had a surplus of over \$100,000 to refund Grand Lodge. The maintenance cost was planned to be kept under \$350 per head per year and the result has been 1928—\$244.31, 1929—\$221.90 and 1930—\$239.70. There are in the Home now 287 boys, 292 girls and 45 widows, with a staff of 74 persons.

The high cost of attending Grand Lodge caused the raising of the per diem from \$4.00 to \$5.00 payable to representatives and Grand Lodge officers. Is it thrift or a proper appreciation of time which enables most Grand Lodges which do not pay members expenses to complete their business in two days, rather than the three days which seem to be required by those who have a per diem allowance?

An amendment to the constitution was lost which would have prevented a Master Mason from sitting in lodge until he had become proficient in the work of the third degree. Quite a "dust up" occurred after Grand Lodge had rescinded a motion passed last year requiring secretaries in making returns to the Grand Secretary to give addresses as well as the names of members. For good and sufficient reason Grand Lodge "swallowed itself" and set aside the rescinding motion just passed. Similar action and reaction occurred at a session in Alberta some years ago when an ill-considered motion was passed without

much thought and was as quickly rescinded. Considering the number of new members at Grand Lodge each year one wonders that there are not more such slips.

A generous review of M. W. Brother A. M. Mitchell's address and his rulings is included in the Correspondence Report of M. W. Brother W. W. Clarke.

Membership, 61,610. Loss, 1327. Lodges, 579.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John X. Taylor.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Fred W. Hardwick.

V. H. M.

MAINE

M. W. Bro. Harold E. Cooke, Grand Master, presided over the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Maine, held in the City of Portland on the 6th, 7th and 8th of May, 1930.

Among the list of the Grand Representatives present we are pleased to note the name of our representative for Alberta.

The address of the Grand Master is a resume of his work during the year. He is to be congratulated upon his efforts to concentrate on the visitation of the smaller lodges and the assistance rendered them thereby. Under the heading of "Decisions," the question was asked if it was proper to disclose the names of candidates on lodge notices, and the Grand Master in his reply states it is clearly improper so to do. How, we ask, can the brethren be acquainted with the class of candidates submitted for membership if not through the medium of the Notice calling the Communication? The matter of the use of lodge funds comes in for some criticism, and he questions the right of the lodge to use its funds for the usual refreshment purposes. Instruction in the third degree calls for comment from the Grand Master. Apparently this is overlooked in Maine, and we agree with the Grand Master in the desirability of such instruction.

The report of the Grand Secretary follows along the line of office routine. He gives some interesting details on lodge membership over the past twelve years and the tendency towards large lodges. He is of the opinion that Masonry would be better served in Maine by dividing some of the larger bodies into smaller units, and we are inclined to agree with him.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee was presented by Bro. Ashley A. Smith. In his foreword he deals with "Endowments" and the desirability of building up our charity funds from bequests. I would commend his remarks to the members of the Craft. Alberta receives generous treatment at the hands of Bro. Smith in reviewing our 1929 Proceedings, the salient features being well covered. An address by M. W. Bro. Donald J. Sargent, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on the charitable efforts in that state is printed in full.

Maine at its Annual Communication amended its Constitution and set up the necessary machinery for trial by commission which will

overcome many obstacles in the matter of Masonic trials. The writer has enjoyed reading the Proceedings of Maine and commends the compiler for his work.

M. W. Bro. Cyrus N. Blanchard, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges 247, with a membership of 44,002.

W.I.

MARYLAND

A great Mason, one of those it is safe to say, who has left a permanent imprint of his personality on his Grand Lodge and on the character of Masonry throughout his jurisdiction, passed away in Baltimore on April 11, 1930,—M. W. Bro. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland since his election in 1920. The Proceedings for 1930 open with the account of the funeral services at which over 15,000 brethren and friends paid their last sad farewell to "so great and good a man." That tribute to his work and memory gives one some impression of the love and esteem in which he was held and "a great loneliness" is felt in that Grand Jurisdiction because of the absence of those plans and designs he unceasingly wrought on the Tracing Board of Grand Lodge.

At the Annual Communication R. W. Bro. Geo. R. Gorsuch was elected Grand Master.

Interest in the undertaking of establishing a Masonic Home is unabated as the development of the property purchased for that purpose proceeds. It seems to be in the minds of the brethren, that in bringing their project to a successful issue, they will raise the truest and most lasting memorial to the memory of their late Grand Master. They have wisely refused to consider raising the money for development by way of mortgage and will depend on their own contribution for the necessary funds, and no doubt they will succeed.

The Report on Correspondence is conducted by R. W. Bro. John L. Sanford. Alberta Proceedings failed to reach him in time, apparently to our loss, for his report is full of interest. He is a worthy successor to R. W. Bro. Henry Branch, Grand Chaplain, who we regret to note is in failing health.

M. W. Bro. Geo. R. Gorsuch, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Cook, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

MASSACHUSETTS

1929

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts held four Quarterly Communications, on March 13th, June 12th, September 11th and December 11th in the year 1929, and Stated Communication on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th day of December.

Thirteen Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year; three of these were for the purpose of constituting new lodges,

five for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Temples, and one for dedicating the Orlando H. Davenport Memorial Addition to the Masonic Home at Charlton; three for the purpose of celebrating Anniversaries of lodges, namely, the fiftieth Anniversary of Solely Lodge at Somerville, the seventy-fifth Anniversaries of Mt. Horeb Lodge at West Harwich and Putman Lodge at Cambridge; and one for the laying of the corner stone of a Masonic Temple at Attleborough.

An interesting incident in connection with the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Lowell was the announcement that the President of the Lowell Masonic Association Inc. had received from a relative of Dr. Theodore Edson the original manuscript of an address delivered by Brother Edson at the dedication of the Masonic Hall, a short distance from the site of the present new Temple, on February 28th, 1827. This address is published verbatim as part of the Proceedings at this Special Communication, and occupies eleven pages in the printed Proceedings. We quote the following remarks concerning this address:

"The script is Brother Edson's own and is as clear and legible for the most part as if written yesterday. In view of the accomplishment of the Fraternity today as it dedicates a new and splendid Temple only a stone's throw from where this speech was delivered over a century ago, it is interesting to note the changeless principles of Freemasonry, for what Dr. Edson spoke then is every word true of Masonry today. Our principles, our moral philosophy, our charitable aims are unchanged in a rapidly changing world of thought. So true is this, that if this address were to be delivered today by one of our leaders, we would accept it as a valid expression of Masonic principle and practice as we know it today."

"To the younger Mason particularly is the careful reading of this address recommended."

At the Quarterly Communication of March 13th, Grand Master Dean in his address to the Grand Lodge dealt with many interesting subjects. The following are extracted from this address:

Lodge Finances

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"This leads me to believe that, as a general thing, the lodge that is properly financed is better fitted to develop a higher type of Masonry. If this is true, it should be the duty of every Master of a lodge to see to it that a proper ratio is preserved between his fixed expenses and his fixed income. I believe that if this is presented to the members as a business proposition you will find that a majority of them will feel that dues should be placed at a figure that will enable a lodge to handle the business affairs properly."

"I would recommend a careful and thoughtful study of this phase of lodge management."

Educational Program

"After over a year of more or less experimental work with the Lodges of Instruction, there is no question as to their great value, and they have earned a permanent place in our Educational Program. With better understanding interest is growing, as evidenced by the fact that at the present time 35 Districts, containing 188 lodges and representing 78,184 Masons, are engaged in this work."

Benevolence

"There is no better way to develop the soul of a man than in helping mankind."

"We do not want to make them give, we want to create in them a desire to give."

The Grand Master ruled that it was contrary to Sec. 413 of the Grand Constitution to initiate any candidate on the night of his election.

At the Quarterly Communication held on June 12th, under the title of "Finances" the Grand Master said:

"The moment that we look at a candidate as an addition to the treasury rather than an addition to the Fraternity, the quality of our Masonry is in danger. Proper financing will make this danger void. Let us make our Masonry self-respecting. Let us use our funds as they should be used. Let us place our dues at a figure that will properly maintain the dignity of our Fraternity. We are proud of our Temples, we are proud of our Masonry. Let us be willing to pay in proportion to that pride."

At the Quarterly Communication held on September 11th the Right Honorable the Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master of Masons in Ireland, was in attendance, as also was Worshipful Bro. Harold C. Faxon, Master of International Lodge of Peping, China, and Master U. D. of Sungari Lodge, of Harbin, Manchuria.

In speaking of the duties of lodges, the Grand Master in his address at this Communication among other instructive observations gave utterance to the following:

"The question arises as to the need of candidates for financial reasons. This should not be necessary. The initiation fees should not be used for current expenses. They are needed for charitable purposes.

"Every Master should thoroughly familiarize himself with the financial affairs of his lodge and take a just pride in seeing that its affairs are conducted on a self-supporting, business-like basis.

"The Master should have full knowledge of the charitable work of his lodge, and see that lodge funds are so arranged as to be available when necessity arises.

"It has been particularly pleasing for me to note during the past year that several Masters have devoted particular attention to increasing the attendance at their meetings with surprisingly satisfactory results.

"Others are making an enviable reputation as friendly lodges where a personal welcome is always given, not only to strangers but to their own members.

"These Masters have shown that it is possible to have increased attendance and added interest at meetings where there is no work by arranging definite and worth-while programs.

"The primary duty we all have, from your Grand Master to the youngest Entered Apprentice, is the duty that we owe to Freemasonry—a duty to keep it pure, to keep it true to those principles on which it is founded."

"To accomplish these things we must work together; not so much through orders and edicts as through education and enlightenment."

At this meeting the Budget for 1929-1930 was presented, and showed estimated receipts, \$443,450.00, and estimated expenditures, \$437,239.90.

Upon invitation of the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Donoughmore addressed the Grand Lodge bringing the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, giving many interesting facts about Irish Freemasonry and its experiences in later years, expressing the hope that undivided Irish Freemasonry might have great influence in reconciling the differences which now separate the Irish Free State and Ulster, and emphasizing the fact that as Freemasons we are all laboring together for the good of mankind.

At the Quarterly Communication held on December 11th, the Grand Master in speaking of Relief and Assistance to lodges made the following statement:

"Assistance to lodges is given upon the basis of the need of the lodge. If a lodge has funds and a needy and worthy case makes appeal, the primary responsibility rests upon the lodge and until its own resources are properly applied to the care of the case, no request to the Grand Lodge should be made. A mistaken idea seems to prevail that the Board of Relief divides its appropriation among the lodges. It stands rather as a resource in an emergency to supplement the resource of the lodge where this resource is less than the demand made upon it. On no other basis can we have an orderly and reasonable expenditure of the moneys of the Craft set aside for benevolence."

At this Communication Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland.

M. W. Brother Dean was unanimously re-elected Grand Master for the ensuing year. He was according to custom installed at the Stated Communication on December 27th. In his address delivered at the Grand Feast on the evening of that day, in discussing some of the present day problems of Masonry, the Grand Master said:

"One of the most important is the size of your lodges, these overgrown lodges where you lose the personal contact, that spirit of brotherhood, that feeling that we should have for each Mason in the Fraternity. We lose this in a lodge where we only know ten per cent of the members. It is the very essence of Freemasonry that we are losing."

"With the larger lodges comes the need for larger quarters; for temples; for better lodge rooms. That leads to increased expenses. Then comes the question of the proper financing of your lodges. If we are going to have these beautiful temples, we should be willing to pay for them. If we are going to have banquets and entertainments we should be willing to pay for those. We cannot have these luxuries—and they are luxuries—without paying for them. Why not put our lodges on a sound financial basis with their dues large enough to support the body? That is the way you would run a business, on a fixed income large enough to take care of all expenditures. No institution, whether it be business or fraternal, which has to depend on an ever-increasing growth in membership for its financial existence is working on a sound basis."

The addresses at this banquet had as their central theme, with particular reference to St. John the Evangelist, the patron Saint of the day, the educational work being carried on by the Masons of Massachusetts for the benefit of the children under their care from the kindergarten to the college, technical institute, or university.

Very interesting addresses were delivered by M. W. Brother John A. Dutton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and Very

Rev. Brother Percy T. Edrop, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We quote Grand Master Dutton:

"All of the benevolence, all of the charity which we practise, is most ennobling and laudable. But Masonry has something back of this benevolence and charity and all other things that are merely material. This background is the force which impels these acts of charity and benevolence on our part, because the man who has not a benevolent heart has not an open purse for those who are in need, and in my judgment Masonry, with all the changes within and without its sphere must, nevertheless, as your Grand Master has said here this evening, cling to the fundamentals, for they distinguish it from all other organizations. There are any number of fraternal organizations in this State and in our State, and if our organization has nothing back of it but the mere doctrine of fraternity, then perhaps it would not pay us to maintain our great organizations."

Number of Lodges, 326. Total membership, 124,983.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Herbert W. Dean.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton.

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MASSACHUSETTS

1930

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts held four Quarterly Communications in 1930, being on March 12th, June 12th, September 10th and December 10th, and a Stated Communication on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, December 29th.

Eight Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held during the year. One of these was for the purpose of constituting a new lodge; two for the purpose of dedicating new Masonic Temples at West Medway and Attleborough; and five to celebrate Anniversaries of lodges, namely, the 50th Anniversary of Granite Lodge at Whitinsville, the 60th Anniversary of Beth-Horon Lodge at Brookline, the 75th Anniversaries of Germania and the Gate of the Temple Lodges located in Boston, and the 125th Anniversary of Amicable Lodge at Cambridge.

From the many interesting statements of the Grand Master in his address delivered at the Quarterly Communication held on March 12th, we extract the following:

"The question regarding those non-Masonic bodies whose membership is based on Masonic affiliations is becoming a serious problem in many sections of the country. To avoid the dangers that come from these connections, I feel that we should lose no opportunity to impress upon the Fraternity that these organizations are non-Masonic, should not be referred to as Masonic, and can never be recognized as Masonic. There is no more reason for any reference to them appearing on lodge notices than of a Rotary Club or Y.M.C.A.

"It is only by keeping the line of demarcation clearly drawn that we can avoid future trouble.

"There are too many cases where brethren have been suspended for non-payment of lodge and Grand Lodge dues without sufficient investigation.

"Many brothers who have temporary reverses are averse to disclosing the real facts to the Secretary of a lodge when threatened with suspension. A personal interview in many cases would show that a helping hand was more needed than legislative action. The remission of lodge dues and the claiming of exemption from Grand Lodge dues would show a more brotherly spirit in such cases.

"If the Service Committee in each lodge would make this personal investigation and recommend the proper action, I feel that we would enable many worthy brothers to remain members of the Fraternity as well as discover cases where Masonic Service or Relief could be rendered which otherwise would never come to our attention.

"A reception committee large enough to welcome and introduce to others every member entering the lodge-room and to bid all good night and invite them to come again would do much to promote increased attendance and fraternal spirit."

At this Communication the Grand Lodge adopted the Revised Code of its Constitution and Regulations. We quote from the preamble:

"Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious secret society, adhering to its own peculiar ancient Landmarks. Its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction are secret and thereby a test of membership is provided, though a brother be traveling in foreign countries and among those who would otherwise be strangers.

"It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its altars whenever a lodge is in session, worship of God is ever a part of its ceremonial, and to its neophytes and brethren alike are constantly addressed lessons of morality, yet it is not theological.

"It is educational in that it teaches a perfect system of morality, based upon the Sacred Law, by a prescribed ceremonial; and it also provides libraries and opportunities for study therein.

"It is benevolent in that it teaches relief of the poor and distressed as a duty and exemplifies the duty by relief of sick and distressed brethren and their dependents, and by providing for the education of orphans.

"It is charitable in that none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the happiness of mankind.

"It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of training, of worship and of charity.

"In ancient times, the brethren met in General Assembly for the ordering of the affairs of the Craft. With growth in numbers, however, it became necessary in 1717, to adopt a representative form of government, since which time the brethren have met in lodges and each lodge has sent its delegates to a legislative body known as the Grand Lodge."

The entire Constitution is published in the Proceedings for 1930. Appended to the Constitution is a set of rules for the government of the lodge, 18 in number, consisting mainly of rules of order and procedure.

At the Quarterly Communication held on June 11th, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother Louis A. Jones presided, in the absence

of the Grand Master, who was at that time at Shanghai in the course of a journey around the world for the purpose of visiting the lodges in China.

In his address the Acting Grand Master discussed at some length the right of Masonic burial. He referred also to the duty of a Master with reference to the character of the entertainment provided either before or after lodge meetings, in the following words:

"It is the duty of every Master (or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden) to take every possible precaution to prevent the presentation of any entertainment of an objectionable character in connection with a lodge meeting or any activity sponsored by the lodge. He should not only investigate the character of the proposed entertainment personally, not leaving it to a committee or any brother, but he should warn the entertainers that nothing of an objectionable character will be tolerated, and he should stop the entertainment instantly if he finds that his warning has not been heeded."

An interesting Masonic relic in the form of a chair which was brought from England in 1723 by Henry Price, the first Grand Master of Masons in America, was loaned by Belmont Lodge for permanent keeping and display in the Grand Lodge Museum. A full report of the acquisition of this relic was made at this Communication.

Another interesting feature of this meeting was the report submitted by W. Brother J. Hugo Tatsch on his preliminary in the classification of the Lawrence and Carson collections of Masonic manuscripts, documents and books, including original manuscripts and early copies of some of the oldest known Masonic books and publications.

At the Quarterly Communication held on September 10th the Grand Master's address was mainly devoted to a comprehensive account of his journey around the world to visit the lodges in China. Masonic contacts were made with the leading Masonic officials in the British Isles, Egypt, India, China, and Hawaiian Islands. We quote:

"We attended a meeting of International Lodge and were received by Brother Morris B. De Pass, Senior Warden and Acting Master. I believe that International Lodge is the finest exemplification of those fundamental principles on which Masonry is founded of any lodge in the world. Here truly were united men of many countries, sects, and opinions. Eleven nationalities' meeting in harmony; East and West meeting upon the level; the first candidate raised a Chinese who was later Master of the lodge; a place where the spirit of the brotherhood of man is in the atmosphere. It is an inspiration and a challenge to Masonry in general."

At this Communication fraternal recognition was extended to four Grand Lodges in Germany, namely:

Grand Lodge zur Sonne, whose see is at Beyruth.

Grand Lodge of Zur Eintrecht, whose see is at Darmstadt.

Grand Mother Lodge of Eclectic Freemasons Union, whose see is at Frankfort on the Maine.

Grand Lodge of Hamburg, whose see is at Hamburg.

At the Quarterly Communication held on December 10th, fraternal recognition was granted to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

M. W. Brother Herbert W. Dean was again elected Grand Master, for his third term.

At this Quarterly Communication a further very interesting report was presented by W. Bro. J. Hugo Tatsch relating to his continued labors in the classification and cataloguing of the Grand Lodge library.

At the Stated Communication held on December 29th in celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, the Grand Master was installed into office. Distinguished visitors present included M. W. Bros. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and M. W. Brother Roderick B. Dargavel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. The Grand Master presented Henry Price medals to these two distinguished visiting Grand Masters and to R. W. Brother Louis A. Jones, Deputy Grand Master.

At the Grand Feast which followed this Stated Communication the central theme of all the addresses delivered by the distinguished speakers was the future of Freemasonry. The brethren of Massachusetts in attendance at this Feast enjoyed wonderful privileges. Rarely, if ever, has any Masonic gathering heard more impressive and inspiring messages than were conveyed in the addresses of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, Brother Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams, R. W. Brother Rev. Frank B. Crandall, M. W. Brother R. B. Dargavel and M. W. Brother Charles H. Johnson; and the addresses of the visiting Grand Masters from Ontario and New York were among the most eloquent and inspiring presentations of Masonic principles that it has been the privilege of this reviewer to read. Members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts after the Grand Feast of December 29th, 1930, cannot fail to go forward to greater and loftier achievements during the year 1931, under the direction of Grand Master Dean, Grand Secretary Hamilton, and other distinguished leaders of the Craft in that Commonwealth. So long as Masonry can place in high administrative office brethren of the moral character, intellectual ability and spiritual ideals of the three Grand Masters who were present at this historic Feast, Masons need have no fear for the future of our ancient Craft.

Number of Lodges, 327. Membership, 124,709. Decrease, 27.4

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Herbert W. Dean.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton.

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MICHIGAN

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the City of Jackson on May 27th and 28th, 1930, with M. W. Brother Roscoe O. Bonistell, Grand Master, in the chair, and supported by nineteen Past Grand Masters.

Alberta is privileged in Michigan to have as their representative the Grand Chaplain and Fraternal Correspondent R. W. Brother William H. Gallagher. Distinguished visitors presented were M. W. Brother R. B. Dargavel from Ontario and the Representatives in Michigan of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar.

We excerpt from the Grand Master's address on Blue Lodge Masonry as follows:

"Fundamentally, Masonry consists of the first, second and third degrees—it is the Blue Lodge and nothing else. We must approach it

at all times from that angle and not from some other standpoint. There is entirely too much diffusion of effort by reason of other bodies continually being organized basing membership upon Blue Lodge and thus detracting from Masonry itself. We have recognized the York and Scottish Rite and reference is not made to those bodies of long standing.

"Each time a new organization bobs up it takes the position that because its membership is prerequisite upon Masonry therefore it should have the use of our lodge rooms and the facilities of our Masonic Temples. If it continues the 'tail will be wagging the dog.'

"To refresh your memories I recite to you Sec. 13 of Article XVI as follows:

'No Mason within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall promote or organize any order or society, nor become a member of any order or society hereafter promoted, organized or established in this Grand Jurisdiction, whose qualification for membership shall be Masonic affiliation, unless such order or society shall have received the formal approval of this Grand Lodge.'

"Possibly the solution of the problem in part at least, is more Blue Lodges, instead of so many large lodges. I have encouraged the starting of new lodges in communities where they can be properly maintained. It is my judgment that lodges can become so large that they are top-heavy and the interest of the members cease because of lack of personal contact."

Speaking of leadership the Grand Master says:

"One of the primary duties of the officers of a lodge is to maintain the interest of the membership in the lodge. To do this requires leadership and constructive aggressiveness, consistent with the fundamentals of Masonry. In other words, my experience has taught me that the successful lodge is the one which has leadership. To be successful, Masonically speaking, does not mean side-show attractions to draw the crowd; and a lot of cheap publicity on the outside lessens the respect of the profane, and the apparent advantage gained by that method is soon lost and is like a 'two edged sword'."

It is interesting to note that each Grand officer and Past Grand Master has the privilege of designating who shall conduct his funeral. A book is kept in the Grand Secretary's office for that purpose.

The Grand Master was called upon to dig the first sod in preparation for the building of the \$650,000 Masonic Home. At the conclusion he addressed the gathering as follows:

"This ceremony of turning the sod is not without its proper significance. It means that Masonry is entering upon a larger sphere of usefulness. Today's ceremony represents the accumulation of many years of effort to merge the sentiment of the Craft into a definite plan, and from this effort Masonry emerges into a new era of service to those depending upon her.

"On this ground will be built in years to come many new buildings not included in the present plan. They will be built by gift and donation from the Craft in Michigan. Other bodies will see a need and supply it and out of it all will come a comprehensive plan of development which I am sure will include a system of cottages for dependent boys and girls, for children of deceased and afflicted Masons of this state. Interest has already been awakened and lodges are urging the board in control of the home to undertake the care of the orphans and dependent children.

"Wealth and the wealthy abound in Michigan Masonry. I trust it will not be long before someone announces to the Grand Master that he is willing to bear the cost and expense of erecting a cottage as the first unit of the children's home. No finer memorial could be established."

For those in Alberta who are interested in the workings of the Benevolent Fund we would recommend the careful perusal of the report by Brother Mark Norris who presented the report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home. It has been found that many difficulties in the administration of the Home have been met and solved. We excerpt from this report:

"We found that under the old rule a guest admitted to the home was asked to convey to the Grand Lodge all of the property he had, and that old rule provided that when he was dead what was left of that property, less the charges for his support in the home, should be returned to his heirs. We have changed the rule so as to provide that whatever property a guest admitted to the home has shall be conveyed to the Grand Lodge and put into the maintenance fund, and if there is any surplus, when he dies in the home it will go to the Grand Lodge and stay there. We do not see any reason why we as Masons, should assume the responsibility of supporting these people, then turn their property over to those who have not lifted a hand in their support in the past. We think that the property which these people have should be applied to their support, and go for the benefit of those who have supported them, rather than for those who have abandoned them to charity. In case the applicant is discharged from the home or voluntarily leaves then the property he has conveyed to the Grand Lodge less his support while he is there, will be returned to him. Sometimes we found cases in the outside relief where some other course has to be pursued, except that in cases of outside relief, when we stop the outside relief, what is left of the property is returned to the member or his family in the same way, so that the Grand Lodge does not make any profit out of anything of that sort."

The Grand Master of Canada in Ontario replying to his welcome said in part:

"I realize, brethren, that while we serve under two flags, while we owe allegiance to two Grand Lodges, to which we must always be loyal and always be true, still the Masons of Michigan and of Ontario have not only a point of contact, they have a common ground to band together in the united effort to make Masonry the symbol of truth and honor, an emblem of justice and righteousness, and in showing to the world at large that the power of this great Fraternity is not in its secrecy nor in its numerical strength, nor even in the beauty and sanctity of its ritual, but rather in the simplicity of its faith, as becoming more and more an efficient servant of mankind."

The Grand Lodge at a previous session set aside \$12,000 for the work of the Masonic Service Commission. The report of the Commission is one of the most interesting and instructive subjects which were discussed. Want of space only, prohibits one from quoting too much in detail. We excerpt the following:

"Your Commission was called into being by a great need of Michigan Masonry in common with the Grand Jurisdictions of many other states. The tide of Masonry had reached a low ebb; indifference, ignorance and neglect had taken the place of former zeal, enthusiasm and activity.

"Other Grand Lodges had become aware of the danger and had already taken steps to combat it. When this Commission was called into being Iowa was far in the lead. New York was under full headway. California, Saskatchewan and other Grand Jurisdictions were hard at work.

"For nearly three years, our entire effort was concentrated upon the task of awakening the Michigan Craft to a realization of the true meaning and broad responsibility of Michigan Masons, not alone in the lodge room, nor while repeating the ritual nor while conferring the degrees but also in the outside world—in living the lives which the ritual and degrees sought to inculcate."

Brother Gallagher compliments R. W. Bro. Crump in the Alberta Review of Michigan. Bro. Crump is now a resident of the City of Toronto and the responsibility of reviewing Michigan falls on other shoulders. There is so much in the Michigan Proceedings which would stand repeating, but we must refrain.

Number of Lodges, 503. Membership, 151,896. Decrease, 164.

M. W. Bro. George B. Dolliver, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

MINNESOTA

Seventy-seventh Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 15th, 1930.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Edwin J. Simon.

Alberta was honored by being represented by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is brief and recites his activities for the year apparently performed in a manner well skilled.

Minnesota shows a net loss in membership for the year and under the heading "Masonic Education" the Grand Master comments on the fact:

"We will always find some who, after initiation, decide that Masonry does not offer them that which they hoped it would, and we find them every year, being stricken from our rolls. But I am convinced that neither the cause just mentioned nor general business depression, nor as a result of the late war, are we justified in accepting this loss in our membership."

Then follows an appeal for Masonic Education on "what Masonry is, what it means and what to do with it".

Perhaps a reviewer is not required to express opinions on a topic but we cannot refrain from emphasizing the last phrase—"What to do with it". "Doing" is what appeals to most men and Masonry, it seems in our humble opinion, will progress just so far and as fast as she requires her devotees to "do".

A fine oration by the Grand Orator, Carl W. Cummins, is a feature of the book. Of Brother Cummins we are tempted to make three guesses—he is a 100% American; he is a lawyer; he has modern views

on the place and purpose of Masonry. His oration we may fairly describe as based on the parable of the leaven and the lump and here are a couple of significant sentences from it:

"Cannot we become a more militant force for the building of character, the sanctification of the home, the purification of the state, and the making of all mankind kin the wide world around? Such a service would make useless many of the laws that are now deemed necessary to maintain a well-ordered society, and lead to their repeal."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence sets forth the conditions under which Minnesota will grant recognition to other Grand Jurisdictions. They are almost identical with our own. Recognition is granted the Grand Lodges of Panama and Porto Rico.

The use of Masonic membership for political preferment meets severe stricture at the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence and very rightly so.

The usual statistical tables and a very full review of Foreign Correspondence in which Alberta receives generous mention rounds out a very interesting volume.

Seventy-eighth Annual Communication at St. Paul, January 21st, 1931.

Grand Master, William K. Gill, Duluth.

Grand Secretary, John Fishel, St. Paul.

A. M. M.

MISSISSIPPI

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was convened in Vicksburg on February 11th, and 12th, 1930. M. W. Brother William Harrison Carter, Grand Master. Alberta's representative was not recorded as present.

The Grand Master in his opening remarks properly rebukes those who in every Grand Lodge are heard to complain "that a few brethren run Grand Lodge, referring probably to our Past Grand Masters and other brethren who for many years have been attending Grand Lodge and who have wrought well in the quarries. Such a criticism is unjust and unmasonic; because none of these brethren attend for selfish purposes, but come here often at much personal sacrifice, without hope of fee or reward, and solely because of their devotion to Masonry and to the work for humanity which constitutes its objective. Thank God we continue to be guided by their experience, directed by their timely advice and counsel, and held in check by their brotherly caution."

Brother Carter discovered in his jurisdiction some brother had "seen some bright beacon" and desired to organize a new Order predicated upon Masonic membership. A warning from the Grand Master that if he persisted in his desire it would entail an edict prohibiting participation by any Mason in Mississippi succeeded in dampening the brother's ambition.

Many Grand Lodges are somewhat concerned with the apparent fact that many lodges are building temples beyond the financial ability of the particular lodges to carry. The Grand Master recommended

the appointment of a committee to pass upon plans before building commenced. However, Grand Lodge failed to support him. Nevertheless a motion was adopted proclaiming no responsibility for any debts incurred by any subordinate lodges.

An interesting decision of the Jurisprudence Committee indicating a difference with constitutional practice in Alberta was "the unfavorable report of a committee on a petition does not reject the petitioner and the ballot must be taken, unless the petition is withdrawn by the consent of two-thirds of the members present." The same committee failed to approve of the dispensations granted to ballot out of time, and to hold stated meetings at other than the regular time fixed in the by-laws. They agreed with the Grand Master that lodges shall forthwith cause their dues to be payable in advance.

Without offering any explanation a recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted authorizing them with power to conduct an audit of the accounts of lodges if deemed necessary.

The educational program is carried on by a full time secretary under three divisions, circulating lending library, short talk bulletins for use in lodges, and service meetings which somewhat closely resemble district meetings in Alberta. All such programs are an uphill pull and require unbounded enthusiasm but the effort proves worth while. The Secretary reports that as a result of the interest engendered the number of suspensions in the jurisdiction is less than in near Grand Lodges where there is not an education program.

The Foreign Correspondence report of M. W. Brother Henry C. Yawn reviews the proceedings of Alberta for 1929, in which he quotes liberally from the addresses of M. W. Brother A. M. Mitchell, and of Brother Herbert H. H. Fox, the Rt. Rev. Coadjutor Bishop of Montana.

Number of Lodges, 379. Membership, 35,301. Loss, 924.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William T. Denman.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Edward D. Faucette.

V. H. M.

MISSOURI

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Missouri was held in Kansas City on September 30th, 1930, with M. W. Bro. Samuel R. Freet, Grand Master, in the Grand East. Unfortunately, on account of illness, M. W. Bro. Freet was unable to preside throughout the sessions, but was ably supported by his deputy, R. W. Bro. W. R. Gentry.

Many distinguished visitors from neighbouring states paid official visits, were cordially received and made suitable addresses in reply.

The address of the Grand Master gives an account of his work during his term of office. He laid three corner stones for new Masonic buildings and dedicated one lodge room. The Masonic Home operated by Missouri has so many demands made upon it that the question of extension looms large in their thoughts. A special report on the condition of the Home is set out in the Proceedings. The question of Masonic Relief is also a vital matter, and the Grand Master rightly tells the

lodges it is their duty to look after their own members and not pass the responsibility on to Grand Lodge. The commercial use of the term "Masonic" is forbidden by the constitution and the Grand Master refers two questions to the Committee on Jurisprudence to determine. This committee decided that under their constitution it was an offence to use the term under any circumstances where gain was to be made.

The Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges had before it requests from two Grand Lodges and quite properly refused both.

The reports of the District Deputies follow the usual course and show Masonry to be in a favorable condition. A very comprehensive report by the Grand Lecturer shows that the ritualistic work is well attended to.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. C. H. Briggs. Alberta for 1929 is reviewed and receives very generous consideration. Bro. Bishop Fox of Montana comes in for quite a bit of criticism for his views on evolution, but I can assure Bro. Briggs that Bro. Fox is quite orthodox and that he has apparently read something into the address which was never intended. However, we thank Bro. Briggs for his remarks which we appreciate.

M. W. Bro. Wm. R. Gentry, Grand Master. St. Louis Mo.

R. W. Bro. Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 656. Membership, 113,171.

W. I.

MONTANA

Sixty-sixth Annual Communication held at Missoula, August 20th, 1930.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Daniel J. Muri, Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by Wor. Bro. J. W. Speer.

Grand Lodge was suitably welcomed by the Mayor of Missoula and the Deputy Grand Master replied for Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address is, as usual, a tale of many duties well done. He reports on the Grand Masters' Conference in which he took an active part. His paper dealt with the segregation of fees from the General Lodge Receipts. M. W. Brother Muri is of the opinion that while this is good in large lodges it is hardly possible in the smaller and with this view we are bound to agree.

The Washington Memorial Scheme is reported upon and while the Montana brethren have generously contributed the Grand Master is not so enthusiastic about the scheme. He says, "The sentiment that inspired the idea of the monument allowed the heart to govern common sense and while it is to be a most beautiful Masonic monument to our illustrious Brother Washington, a more useful memorial could have been planned for the five millions of dollars, which would have been

a practical benefit to our and coming generations, in place of a structure which will involve continual expenditure of money without adequate returns except sentimental journeys of inspection of relics and beautiful architecture as against a practical program which would have carried the sentiment with the added human benefits." To which as an "alien" we have the nerve to say, "Hear, hear!"

The twin pests of anonymous letters and chain letters receive the condemnation they deserve.

He recommends that consideration be given the question of Life Membership particularly on behalf of elder brethren who may be unable to keep paying dues in the evening of their day. This was later referred for action in 1931.

Montana shows a net gain of ten. "This gain is the smallest in years, if not the smallest ever"

An address by Bishop Herbert H. H. Fox, Grand Chaplain, who was our distinguished guest in 1928, appears under the title: "The Middle Chamber" and is a delightful exposition of the philosophy of the Fellow Craft.

A voluminous report by the Grand Historian traces much of Montana's history and besides being a valuable document will make many an old timer wag his head with pride and say "I remember when."

We read with interest two addresses by our own P.G.M., M. W. Brother S. H. Middleton which are reproduced in full.

There are the usual voluminous statistics and an excellent review of Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of P.G.M. H. S. Hepner, in which Alberta receives generous and very friendly mention.

Sixty-seventh Annual Communication at Butte, August 19th, 1931.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Carl L. Brattin, Sidney.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Luther T. Hauberg, Helena.

A.M.M.

NEBRASKA

Seventy-third Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 3rd, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Ira C. Freet, Grand Master.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present.

We can find no list of Grand Representatives present.

The Grand Master's address reflects a very busy year and while much of his work has direct reference to the brethren of his own jurisdiction he makes certain comments of interest to all Masons.

When there was direct evidence that the election of officers of a lodge had been prejudiced by the solicitation of votes he declared the election null and void and set it aside.

He rules that a corner stone will not be laid without the Grand Lodge inscription.

A quaint reflection on the attractive powers of lodge meetings appears when the Grand Master grants dispensation to a lodge to instal its officers out of time because on the regular date there was no quorum, on account of the local Chautauqua being in session.

The question of losses in membership is causing qualms in Nebraska too. Says the Grand Master: "Why are we losing so many? Are we admitting the wrong class of men? Are too many joining for ulterior purposes, and, finding that we are not a benefit society, drop out again? Or is there something lacking in our order? There must be a reason, and it behooves us to try and find out what it is."

The Grand Master recommends that the conferring of the Past Master's degree be discontinued in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Eighteenth Amendment and its violation brings the following comment from the Grand Master:

"I believe that one of the finest things the Grand Lodge can do to protect the peace and harmony of our lodges is to enact a law providing that in all cases where a member is found guilty of 'bootlegging' the sentence shall be expulsion, and by the same act provide that where a member is found guilty of this thing in a court of law the lodge shall be protected against the evils of a trial and the offender declared guilty on the court record."

A thoughtful address on "The Three-Fold Ministry of Masonry" by Wor. Brother Paul Turner, Grand Orator, appears in full as do an interesting address on "The Word" delivered at the forty third semi-annual meeting of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association by Wor. Brother John R. Webster and a "Retrospect" by J. A. Frye at the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Masonry in Nebraska.

Recognition is granted the Grand Lodge of Panama and the Grand Lodge of Columbia at Barranquilla.

Nebraska seems to be taking steps to dive into the modern sea of "Masonic Education."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is built up on topical rather than geographical reference and while classed as an experiment by M. W. Bro. Edwin C. Crites, the compiler, is we think, in improvement in method.

The usual statistical records complete a fine report.

Seventy-fourth Annual Communication at Omaha, June 9th, 1931.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Orville A. Andrews, Lincoln.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Lewis E. Smith, Omaha.

A. M. M.

NEVADA

Sixty-sixth Annual Communication, Reno, June 12th and 13th, 1930.

M. W. Brother A. L. Haight, Grand Master, reported the year just closing as having been one of noteworthy calm and serenity in a Masonic sense. In those sections where conditions are prosperous Masonry is moving ahead, while in those other places where population

and capital are not quite so plentiful as formerly, noble men are upholding the traditions and preserving the landmarks while waiting for a better day. Everywhere there is a dignified sense of responsibility and a full appreciation of the trust on the part not only of the officers but of all the rank and file.

Grand Lodge lost during the year Past Grand Master Wendell H. Churchyard and its Grand Secretary, Frank D. King. The latter brother who wrote the obituary notice for the former, was called away in the midst of his labors, leaving his Report on Foreign Correspondence half told. His death was untimely and his brethren mourn.

Three corner stones were laid by Grand Lodge during the year.

The Grand Master gave a word of caution in regard to the amount of money being spent by some lodges on banquets, parties and celebrations and entertainments of various sorts. An instance was given where one lodge during 1929 expended for these purposes approximately one-half the entire sum paid in as dues. Lodges were recommended to form the habit of living within their income, making dues pay all the expenses of the lodge, and preserving the fees and other income for those demands for relief which are sure to come.

Secretaries and Masters of lodges were urged to adhere more strictly to the mandates of the Constitution regarding the payment of dues by the individual members, and the penalties for failure to do so. The Grand Master is of the opinion that it cheapens the Order and is unjust to the lodge to carry brothers in arrears indefinitely on the books. We have always been of this opinion.

We like the reference in the Grand Master's address to the beauties of his State as seen by him on his several journeys on Masonic work. Although travelling by car over excellent roads he did not fail to notice and remark the marvellous floral displays of the deserts of Colorado, and the magnificent charm of the native wild flowers. We think it is a duty of man to appreciate the beauty that nature so freely spreads before him.

The total membership now stands at 3,059, a gain of 38 over the year before.

We are greatly obliged to the Grand Historian for his contribution of "Mormons and Masonry in Colorado," which we have read with deep interest. This question is bound to arise in Alberta, and the attitude of other Grand Jurisdictions who have had experience in the matter will be helpful to us.

The Foreword to the Report on Foreign Correspondence was written by the late Grand Secretary. In it he stresses the need for Masonic education, and points out what should be the characteristics of a Mason, particularly in his attitude to the State. All very timely and practical. Alberta is given generous recognition in the Report.

C.V.B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Proceedings of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire contain not only the record of the Annual Communication but also include the special communications held for the dedicating of Halls and the reception of the members of the Craft on board H.M.S. "Capetown" as well as a record of the several district meetings.

The Annual Communication was held in the City of Concord on Wednesday the 21st day of May A.D. 1930, being the one hundred and forty-first and presided over by M.W. Bro. George E. Danforth the Grand Master.

We regret to note that the representative of Alberta was not present.

Two distinguished brethren in the persons of R. W. Bro. Aaron H. Grout, Deputy Grand Master of Vermont and R. W. Bro. O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, were present and accorded grand honors. They each addressed the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address after the usual courtesies asks the question, "What is the matter with Freemasonry?" and proceeds to answer it, by stating that, "There is nothing the matter with Freemasonry." He dwells on the loss in membership in many jurisdictions, the innumerable contra attractions of today as compared with twenty-five years ago; the monotony of degree work, and the desirability of using Masonic funds for philanthropic work presumably outside the Order. Masonry has indeed a great mission in life, and it may be in her interest that membership is falling off for she may thereby be getting rid of a lot of useless timber that has not been a credit to themselves or an honor to the Fraternity. The inculcation of the great teachings of the Fraternity offer sufficient scope among her initiates for work and the practice of those principles will demonstrate to the world that we are members of no mean organization.

It was surely a proud day in the history of Masonry in Portsmouth, N.H., when the Grand Lodge joined with the local lodges in entertaining the members of the crew of H.M.S. "Capetown," who are members of the Craft serving under the English, Irish and Scotch constitutions. No better way of promoting peace and goodwill among the nations of the earth than the intermingling and social intercourse of brethren of different nationalities, and such sessions as this demonstrates the opportunity that Masonry has of advancing the cause of world peace. New Hampshire, we congratulate you on this move.

The Grand Master reports that their Home is in excellent condition: With the per capita tax of one dollar for the past five years, an addition has been completed and the Home is free from debt. This is indeed a very happy situation.

The reports of the District Deputies show this Grand Body to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney and represents his twenty-fourth. We congratulate him on his report and re-echo his sentiments that one gets more than one gives even in reviewing Masonic Proceedings. Thanks Bro. Cheney for your kind remarks to Alberta, we appreciate them.

M. W. Bro. George E. Danforth, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 81. Membership, 15,465.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

1929

The One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey was held at Crescent Temple in the city of Trenton, on the 17th and 18th of April, 1929. M. W. Brother W. T. Vanderlipp, Grand Master, presided.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendance and the Grand Representatives of fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Alberta not being represented. A large number of distinguished guests graced the Annual Communication, including M. W. Brother Herbert W. Dean, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; M. W. Brother John A. Dutton, Grand Master of Grand Lodge, New York; M. W. Brother J. Bayard Hearn, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Delaware; M. W. Brother George R. Sturges, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Connecticut; M. W. Brother Edwin O. Chase, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; each of whom were accompanied by other Grand Lodge officials of their respective jurisdictions. The Grand Lodge of Vermont was represented by M. W. Brother Christie B. Crowell, Past Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi was represented by M. W. Brother George D. Riley, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is a clear and businesslike statement of his official acts during the year under review. In his reference to necrology he quotes the following poem:

"THE DEAD"

"What is Death?"

'What is death? A little broadening of a ripple
Upon the Eternal shore,
A little loosening of the bands that cripple—
This and nothing more.
What's death? A parting of the cloud above us
Which hides the sun,
A golden vision of the souls that love us
And labor done.
What's death? The opening of a perfect flower;
No watcher sees
The silent spirit, who at twilight hour
The bondman frees.
What's death? God's mercy strange
Uncomprehended;
The undiscovered goal;
The land of promise when the toil
Is ended—
The day-dawn of the soul."

--Anonymous.

During the year the Grand Master visited eight sister jurisdictions, located in New England and on the Atlantic seaboard. Four new lodges were constituted and dispensations for the formation of two new lodges were granted. Contributions to the relief of the distressed in other jurisdictions were sent to the brethren in Porto Rico, Florida, Alabama and New Mexico.

On January 7th, 1929, the Grand Master sent a letter to the Craft of his jurisdiction directing their attention to clandestine Masonry

and urging strict enforcement of the rules in regard to the admission of visiting members, with a view to preventing clandestine Masons obtaining admission to lodge meetings.

The Grand Master recommended adoption of dual membership in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

M. W. Bro. George D. Riley, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, delivered an eloquent, humorous and inspiring address. The central theme was goodwill, friendship and brotherly love.

One of the outstanding reports presented to this meeting was that of the Committee on Masonic Bureau, which conducts the organized welfare activities of the Masons in this jurisdiction. It showed, out of a total of 2,164 applications for positions, placements of 1,102. In addition to their own brethren they also secured employment for brethren hailing from twenty-four other jurisdictions and Orders aggregating 188. The work of this Bureau is properly considered as being of a social welfare nature. It is operated solely and without profit for the purpose of alleviating destitution and distress among the brethren incident to age, illness, physical disability and other kindred causes. Employment, relief and other separate activities are the divisions thereof.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported on nine requests for fraternal recognition. The committee recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Chile, and also renewal of fraternal intercourse and exchange of representatives between the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and Die Grosse Landesloge von Sachsen of Dresden in Germany, of which Bro. G. Anders is now Grand Master. With reference to the other seven, the Committee suggested they be passed over, without prejudice, for the consideration of next year's Committee.

It appears that in 1929 the yearly cost per guest in the Masonic Home in New Jersey was \$675.63, the total number of adults being 142 and children 46.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by a Committee of three, and contained reviews of sixty-five Grand Jurisdictions, thirty-nine in the United States, nine in Canada, three in Latin America, three in Europe and four in Australasia. Alberta receives gratifying attention.

Total membership, 94,773. Net gain, 2,208.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Benjamin F. Havens.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry.

F.S.S.

NEW JERSEY 1930

The One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey was held in the City of Trenton on the 16th and 17th of April, A.D. 1930. M. W. Bro. Benjamin F. Havens, Grand Master, presided.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters and fifty-three Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions were present, Alberta not being represented.

The distinguished visitors from neighboring jurisdictions included M. W. Bro. Harry V. Holloway, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware; M. W. Bro. Elbert L. Darbie, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; R. W. Bro. Louis A. Jones, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; R. W. Bro. J. Irving Shepley, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; R. W. Bros Harold L. McAuslin, O. Frank Hart and Carl H. Caludy, Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Rhode Island and South Carolina and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

M. W. Bro. Havens' address was a very complete report of his official acts and personal activities in discharging the duties of his exalted position during the year of office reported on by him at this Grand Communication. He spent a very busy year and the Masons of New Jersey enjoyed under his guidance a year of harmony and successful labor in their manifold activities within and without their lodges. The Grand Master made several visits to neighbouring Grand Jurisdictions, where he was a popular guest. His address, however, is couched in very modest terms and contained no outstanding decisions or recommendations of general concern to the Craft at large.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented reports on the following matters:

(a) Request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Parahyba and the Grand Lodge of Brazil and Acre. Both of these Grand Lodges are located in Brazil.

The Committee stated that the organization of Brazilian Masonry is unique, complicated and somewhat mystifying, and recommended that action on the request be deferred until the clouds which obscure the Masonic skies in Brazil shall clear away and some of the differences that apparently exist there have been adjusted.

(b) Request for recognition from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, which the Committee recommended.

(c) Request for recognition of the Czecho-Slovak National Grand Lodge of Prague-Smichov, Czecho-Slovakia, which the Committee recommended.

The Grand Lodge approved and adopted several recommendations of this Committee.

Subsequently the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report suggesting the adoption of eight Basic Principles essential to meet the requirements for recognition of foreign Grand Lodges by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. These are reported on pages 173 and 174 of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1930. They contain no new features, and are in accord with the principles and policy adopted by most Grand Lodges in Canada and the United States.

The Grand Lodge adopted dual membership in principle on a limited scale, and to the extent of permitting members of New Jersey to retain membership in lodges in other jurisdictions. There was also adopted a code of regulations governing this form of dual membership, consisting of nineteen articles.

The Grand Lodge adopted a Budget for purely Grand Lodge purposes for the ensuing year calling for an expenditure of \$48,062.00:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report in which were reviewed the Proceedings of forty-three Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, nine in Canada, two in Latin America, three in Europe and six in Australasia. Alberta 1929 Proceedings are reviewed at some length, and seem to have caught the interest and approval of the reviewer, who succeeded in submitting a very clear representation of all the interesting points appearing in the year's work carried out under Grand Master Alexander M. Mitchell. The reviews presented by this Committee are very easy to read owing to the easy style and smooth diction of the writer coupled with a clear, yet concise, description of the points of interest. This report is by far the most interesting part of these Proceedings from the viewpoint of other jurisdictions.

Total membership, Jan 1st, 1930, 96,157. Net Gain, 1,384.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Donald J. Sargent.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry.

F.S.S.

NEW MEXICO

The Fifty-second Annual Communication was held at Clayton on March 17th, 18th and 19th, 1930, with M. W. Bro. Herbert S. Murdoch presiding.

An address of welcome was delivered by Bro. Noel O. Brane, a member of Clayton Lodge, No. 23, and Mayor of the City of Clayton, to which a response was made by Past Grand Master Herbert B. Holt.

The Grand Master reported the good old Masonic ship, New Mexico, as still sailing steadily down the Great River of Time. There has been no rough weather or troubled waters, and the crew was as fine as ever. In fact one member of the crew had held his post for forty-six years. A prosperous voyage was predicted for the future.

Four corner stones were laid during the year.

Dispensations were refused to receive a petition and confer degrees out of time.

All the Grand Master's decisions were approved except one in which he had ruled that a candidate whose right leg had been amputated above the knee was not eligible.

We sympathize with the Grand Master's attitude towards the George Washington National Memorial. Some of the millions being spent on this project would have assisted very greatly in the task with which the Masons of New Mexico are struggling in regard to the tuberculosis situation. It is regrettable that money is not available for both schemes.

Following the example set by nearly all other Grand Jurisdictions, New Mexico is withdrawing from membership in the Masonic Service Association.

Another change in the handling of aid for tuberculous Masons was taken by Grand Lodge. The Masonic Tuberculosis Association, which had been incorporated to take up the work of the National Association, was dis-incorporated, and the work transferred directly

to the Grand Lodge. It was thought that this step would meet the approval of other Grand Jurisdictions wishing to contribute to the expense of work being carried on among tuberculous Masons by the brothers of New Mexico. The extent of this service is shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer, showing the amounts paid in the different branches of Masonic endeavour.

The Grand Lodge expressed disapproval of the dispensation granted for the use of a Masonic Temple for the purpose of instituting a Knights of Columbus Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of Bro. John Milne, who reviews forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, all but two of which, British Columbia and Canada (in Ontario), are within the United States. It may be that nothing is to be gained by going farther afield, but we prefer a reviewer with a longer vision. The reports consist chiefly of narrations of the Proceedings, practically no expression of personal opinion or criticism being made.

Victor L. Minter, Carlsbad, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

NEW YORK

1929

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was opened in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, City of New York, on May 7th, 1929. Grand Master M. W. Bro. John A. Dutton presided.

Grand Representatives of seventy-seven other Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance. The representation might be geographically classified as follows: Thirty-three jurisdictions in the United States of America; seven jurisdictions in Canada, including Alberta; six in Australasia; four in South America; nineteen in Europe including two in the British Isles; seven in Mexico, Central America and West Indies; and representation for Egypt and the Philippine Islands. This was truly a world-wide representation.

The Grand Master's address occupies 44 pages of the Proceedings of which 16 are purely statistical. Throughout the year dispensations were issued to five new lodges, three of them in New York City; and eleven lodges to whom charters were granted at the previous meeting of Grand Lodge were constituted, one of these being located in Syria.

In the remaining portion of the address the Grand Master deals with twenty-four subjects. It is very readable because of the clarity of diction and the clearness of thought with which all these matters are dealt with by this distinguished Grand Master. Among the matters of general interest included in the address are those of dual membership, the Grand Master's Conference at Washington, D.C., relief to foreign jurisdictions, the problem of unaffiliation or suspension of membership for non-payment of dues, the Order of De Molay, Sunday observances, and lodge decorum and entertainments. The views of the Grand Master on some of these subjects are well worthy of quotation for the benefit of the brethren in our jurisdiction. Regarding unaffiliation, we quote:

"I do not think the cause is, to any great extent, due to inability of these brethren to pay their dues. Most of them could undoubtedly do so without the least material injury to themselves.

"I believe the two causes that contribute most to the condition are, first: loss of interest in the Fraternity, and second: insufficient efforts to collect dues. The remedy for the first rests with the lodge, and particularly the Master. An earnest endeavour to increase the social features of lodge communications, along proper lines, and to conduct the work of the lodge in a correct and impressive manner, and the awakening of a real Masonic spirit in the lodge, will do much to hold the interest of the individual members and thwart any thought of dropping out.

"To the Secretary of the lodge belongs the duty of prompt collection of dues. He should make every reasonable effort to this end. The dues of lodges are comparatively small and if paid promptly each year the amount is scarcely felt, but if allowed to accumulate for two or three years they constitute a material sum, and to many members a serious obligation.

"An earnest endeavour along the lines suggested, I believe, would save to our Fraternity many good brethren whom we are now losing annually."

In discussing the attitude of the Grand Lodge of New York in refusing to permit De Molay Chapters to exemplify their degrees before members of the lodges in their lodge rooms after the closing of the lodges, the Grand Master says:

"Masonry is a Fraternity of men, and men only who have reached mature age, generally accepted as twenty-one years. We are bound not to countenance either women or youths under the prescribed age as members of the Fraternity. This fundamental law necessarily excludes from Masonry the Order of De Molay, whose members are under twenty-one years of age.

"Notwithstanding this exclusion, there are, undoubtedly, many members of our Fraternity who look upon the Order as Masonic or as an appendant body to Masonry. This erroneous conception should not be encouraged.

"To permit De Molay Chapters to meet in lodge rooms might not of itself, and apart from other considerations, be objectionable. But to do so and to exemplify their degrees before members of the Fraternity, is to give countenance to the thought that they are a part of Masonry. There is little danger of our Landmarks being broken down by avowed assault thereon. The danger lies in insidious innovations, each of which alone seems innocuous, but which in the aggregate, accumulating over a period of time, become formidable and destructive of our vital foundations.

"The exemplifications of the degrees of another organization before the members of our Fraternity in their lodge rooms, even though the lodge be closed, is a semi-official recognition of such organization, and is but a link in the chain which, if allowed to continue, will with other links, in time bind the two by an unbreakable chain. If the links are not forged, the chain will not be formed."

In the matter of Sunday observance the Grand Master states his views as follows:

"I have discontinued the holding by lodges and other regular organizations, of entertainments, dances and public dinners on Sundays.

Sunday is set apart by law as a day for rest and worship. It is, to many of our brethren, a sacred and holy day.

"There are probably those of our Fraternity who see no harm in these entertainments on Sunday. Whether they indulge in them is an individual matter in which they will be guided by their consciences. If they desire to do so, there are plenty of opportunities outside of Masonry. To conduct these entertainments in the name and under the auspices of Masonic lodges and other Masonic organizations is quite another matter, and cannot fail to offend the sensibilities of those of our members who do not believe in using the Sabbath for such purposes, and to lower the good opinion of the Fraternity held by those outside our ranks. These reasons alone should be sufficient to restrain those who might otherwise be inclined to conduct such affairs."

Concerning lodge decorum and entertainments, Grand Master Dutton holds that proper decorum should be observed in lodge rooms and that entertainments conducted therein should be in keeping with the high moral standards of the Masonic Fraternity. He says:

"There are many brethren who have an almost sacred reverence for their lodge rooms, and many more who do not want to see them used for base or ignoble purposes. Such use of a lodge room is an offence to such brethren and helps to breed discord. Even more harmful is its effect upon the newly made brother who in joining the Fraternity has been inspired by high ideals."

In his conclusion Grand Master Dutton makes an eloquent plea for keeping alive and stimulating among the brethren a Masonic conscience, using these words:

"This Masonic Conscience should embrace a consciousness of the fundamental teachings of Masonry and the possession of a firm determination to put them into practice in daily life; an ever conscious thought that we belong to this great Fraternity, and that there is thereby imposed upon us an obligation to ourselves and to society to live better lives, to do something more for humanity and thus to elevate the name of Masonry, and thereby command the good will and respect of the world."

"The Masonic Conscience of the Fraternity is the aggregate conscience of its individual members. It is what they make it and no more. This thought should be in the mind of every one of us. If we grasp this thought, and do our best to live up to the high ideals of our profession, we shall create a spirit that will make Masonry an irresistible force for the uplift of society and the betterment of humanity."

Among the distinguished visitors present was M. W. Bro. Herbert W. Dean, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In his remarks Grand Master Dean touched briefly on a problem which is meeting the brethren in a great many jurisdictions, in these words:

"The trouble with us today is that we try to make Masonry do too much. The thing that we must have education in is what Masonry should not do, more than what it should do.

"Masonry is built so simple, with nothing that could cause disharmony or dissension among us, and as long as we draw the line clearly and distinctly between our duties as an organization and our duties as individuals there is no danger of our going astray.

"Our business as Masons is to so train men, so educate them morally, by our teachings, that they can go out into their different

communities, and as citizens, take their part as individuals, with the training they have had, and thus make useful members of society."

The Grand Master of New Jersey, M. W. Brother Benjamin F. Havens, was also in attendance, and spoke briefly on the benevolent qualities and activities of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

According to the Balance Sheet as at March 31st, 1929, the resources of the Grand Lodge of New York were valued at over \$9,250,000.

In his report the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. Henry G. Meacham, makes the statement that the National Flag should not be used as an altar drape, the proper place in which to display the Flag being in a lodge room on a standard in the east.

Several decisions were reported by the Judge Advocate, all of which have been approved by the Grand Master, but the points involved had reference to special circumstances or special provisions of the Masonic law of New York and, while possibly of general interest, space does not permit reproduction in this review.

The report of the Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. Ossian Lang, as has been customary for some years, deals exhaustively with some branch of Masonic history. He says: "There is in existence in Scotland, and accessible to serious enquirers the most extensive collection of original Masonic records to be found anywhere from operative times right down to the present."

His report, comprising twenty-two pages of closely printed matter, deals with such subjects as "The Scottish Ancestry of Freemasonry", "Ramsay's version of Freemasonry's origin", "The Scottish Mason Craft in the 15th Century", "Incorporation of the Masons and Wrights", "The Luge", "The Aitchison's Haven Lodge Minutes", "The Oldest Lodge in the World", "William Schaw, Warden General of the Mason Craft", "First Schaw Statutes for the Mason Lodges in Scotland", and "Second Schaw Statutes: The Kilwinning Rules".

M. W. Bro. John A. Dutton was re-elected Grand Master for the second time. In his remarks following his installation the Grand Master exhorted the Masters of lodges present in the following terms:

"Try and get your brethren interested in our Masonic law and in our Masonic procedure and in Masonic history and those other things which are of interest; and if you get them interested you will bring them into your lodges and you will make not only interested Masons but active Masons who will help us in carrying on the great work of the Fraternity.

"Many of you Masters will go out of office at the end of the year, but do not let your interest in your lodges and in Masonry flag at that time. You are fitted by the experiences which you have had to help carry on the work of your lodges, and without interfering with your successors you can each one of you be a tower of strength to your brethren and to your successor."

Speaking to the Craft in general the Grand Master said:

"I believe that the future of our Fraternity depends upon how well we cling to the fundamental principles upon which our Fraternity is founded. It is those principles that have carried our Fraternity through the more than two centuries that have gone before.

"I realize that we are living in a different age; that socially, politically and economically, questions are different from what any of us

have ever experienced in the past, and that we must perhaps change some of our methods whereby we bring the message of Masonry to the brethren, but we must ever cling to those fundamentals if we hope to carry on our Masonic Fraternity with virility and strength and helpfulness to mankind.

"And let us remember that this depends upon each and every one of us."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by a committee of three Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bros. Sawyer, Tompkins and Richardson. In a brief foreword, the committee in answer to the question whether the committee's report is worth while, submits the following:

The answer is that no other literature furnishes so comprehensive, accurate and vivid a picture of what is going on in Masonry as those records of the year's work, successes and difficulties of Grand Jurisdictions in all parts of the world. The reading of them supplies the best means for comparison of our own experiences with those of our allies. That affords splendid opportunities for taking stock of our own situation at home, for discovering in what direction things are moving, what dangers are lurking in undertakings begun in a spirit of enthusiasm and then in the working out become an intolerable burden, using up energy of the Craft which might well have been conserved for equally if not more important endeavors within easier reach."

"The reviews presented herewith, therefore, are commended to the brethren for their open minded, careful study. It will help all of us to get a firmer foot-hold in Masonry—gather inspiration and guidance as we commune in spirit with our brethren of other jurisdictions."

Alberta receives due attention. Referring to the death of our late Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master, Stephen Young Taylor, we quote:

"He was a tower of strength in the organization, tireless in his work and wholly devoted to the ideals of the Craft."

This report on Foreign Correspondence is particularly interesting on account of the reviews of the jurisdictions in the Latin Americas, and Asia. The reviews of those jurisdictions are a reliable source of information with regard to the character and activities of the Masonic Fraternity in those parts of the world.

Number of Lodges, 1,011. Total membership, 343,700.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John A. Dutton.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Robert Judson, Kenworthy.

F.S.S.

NEW ZEALAND

The Annual Communication was held at Auckland, November 27th, 1929. The retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., presided.

The Widows and Orphans Fund increased during the year by over \$66,000.

For the various charitable objects of Grand Lodge the Craft in New Zealand had contributed \$55,000 during the year.

Grand Lodge adopted a recommendation to the Board of General Purposes to print and circulate a limited number of copies of the Ritual of the 1st and 2nd degrees, bound separately to be the property of the lodges for the use of candidates, the Ritual of each degree to contain the questions to be answered prior to admission to the degree following.

Considerable discussion arose over the question of the admissibility of ladies to the lodge rooms. The general consensus of opinion seemed to be it was proper to admit ladies to the lodge rooms after the rooms were dismantled.

Upon recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Lodge agreed that in the naming of lodges the names of living brethren should not be used, except in the case of royalty or vice-royalty.

The retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. General Sir. Charles Fergusson, was presented with a beautiful breast jewel, address and casket, and replied in a very eloquent and feeling address.

Total number of lodges, 300. Total membership, 26,954. Year's net increase, 727.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James John Clark, C.B.E.

Grand Secretary, Colonel George Barclay, Wellington, New Zealand.

E.T.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in its One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication in Raleigh, January 21, 22 and 23, 1930, M. W. Bro. John J. Phoenix, Grand Master, presiding. Distinguished visitors present included Grand Commander John H. Cowles of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, M. W. Bro. William A. Giles, Grand Master of South Carolina, and M. W. Bro. O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary of South Carolina. The Grand Representative of Alberta was not recorded as having been present.

M. W. Bro. John J. Phoenix in a succinct and matter of fact address drew upon the trestle board the designs for Grand Lodge to work upon. Analyzing the ills of Freemasonry generally, he particularized, (a) Loss of interest in meetings and complaint of high cost of Masonry; (b) Large suspensions for N. P. D.; (c) Careless methods of subordinate lodges finances and inability to meet Grand Lodge obligations promptly. Probably he should have added too many parasite degrees predicated upon Craft Masonry. The remedy prescribed was closer supervision over the constituent lodges by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and more personal contacts. We heard recently a distinguished Grand Master boldly assert that he believed the social side of Masonry was being sadly neglected as compared with the amount of time given to the esoteric with its continual repetition of degree work. One agrees with this thought, bearing in mind that the social side of Masonry includes more than "banquet degrees." M. W. Bro. Phoenix probably had something like this in mind when recommending the practice of holding Masonic picnics.

General recommendations of the Grand Master included the presentation of Bibles to initiates, the consideration of dual membership,

the requirement of lodges to submit to Grand Lodge their financial plans before proceeding with building programs, and the adoption of the budget idea in all lodges. He deplored the slim attendance at Masonic funerals and the circulation of chain letters. Under the North Carolina code any lodge which fails for three consecutive years to be represented at Grand Lodge forfeits its charter. Six offenders were forgiven and admonished.

The Educational Loan Fund participated in by several Masonic bodies has been in operation now for eight years during which time some 700 students have been assisted. The fund is intended, not to enable students to enter college, but to assist those in the senior years of college who are worthy and find themselves unable to complete their courses without financial aid. With annual appropriations and the continually returning funds from those assisted there is a substantial increase in the amount of funds so used, the total now is \$75,000.

Many will regret to learn of the decision of North Carolina to abandon the Masonic Education work as carried on by a full time field secretary, owing to expected results not having been accomplished. A peculiar side of human nature on the part of many is a complete willingness to remain in "darkness." If "more light" is the desire of a true Mason, then there are many who do not work very hard at it. Education is only appreciated when it comes as the result of long and ardent toil. So we suppose that many such well conceived ideas of Masonic education must also fail because of the inertia of unwilling minds.

Grand Lodge upon the recommendation of the Grand Master decided to withdraw from the Masonic Service Association.

The talent of Bro. J. Edward Allen, Foreign Correspondent is well expended in the annual report which comes from his pen as a masterpiece. He covers English speaking Freemasonry and most of the foreign language jurisdictions, the latter by translation. In the prelude a reference is made to the great unassimilated mass of members as constituting Masonic indigestion, while the Correspondence Report is considered a "post graduate course in Masonry". Our appreciation of his work is perhaps best framed in one of the many snatches of poetry which adorn his work,

"Go make thy garden fair as thou canst,
Thou workest never alone;
Perhaps he whose plot is next to thine
May see it and mend his own.

Bro. Allen your garden has been seen.

Membership, 40, 307. Loss, 1,061.

E. W. Timberlake Jr., Grand Master.

J. H. Anderson, Grand Secretary.

V. H. M.

NORTH DAKOTA

Forty-first Annual Communication, Fargo, June 17th and 19th, 1930..

Among the distinguished visitors present were the Grand Masters of South Dakota, Montana, and Manitoba. In honor of the latter the Union Jack was displayed in the East, and one verse of "God Save The King" sung. It might be noted here that the presiding Grand Master

of North Dakota is of Canadian descent, having been born at Goderich, Ontario.

Ten Fifty Year Masons were presented and received. They were called to the Grand East, made to face the brethren, and given the Grand Honors, as well as an address of welcome by the Grand Secretary. A very meet and becoming feature of Grand Lodge, and worthy of imitation.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert B. Cox, found it necessary to remind subordinate lodges of the pressing need of bringing their contributions to the George Washington National Memorial Association up to par. About thirty lodges are in arrears. This great Memorial is to be completed by February, 1932, and the cry is being sent out everywhere for funds.

No decisions were asked for or given a fact which the Grand Master interpreted as evidencing harmony among the brethren. As the times are rather strenuous the Grand Master did not seem to regret that no new temples had been built, and therefore no corner stones laid during the year, neither had there been any dedications. Relief work had been carefully looked after everywhere.

Grand Lodge participated in the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the Peace Monument at Toronto, Ontario in June, 1930.

An improvement was seen in the record of suspensions for non-payment of dues, owing probably to the fact that there are now committees working in collaboration with the secretaries of lodges in an effort to keep dues in a more satisfactory condition.

There were five suspensions during the year of brothers who had pleaded guilty in the civil courts to the commission of a felony. Apparently other cases are pending.

Although there had been no outstanding achievements during the year, yet the Grand Master felt that something had been accomplished even in keeping the fires of Masonry burning. He had found kindly, cheerful co-operation among the brethren all over the jurisdiction, and felt sure that good results must come. It is well not to overlook the small things in aiming at the great things, and thereby possibly losing the reward entirely. He found that North Dakota stood high among her sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Secretary reported the total membership at 15,446, a net loss of 24.

The Report of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. Bro. Frank C. Falkenstein, contains much that is applicable to most Grand Jurisdictions, in our opinion. Some good advice is given for the general administration of subordinate lodges.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported favorably on dual or plural membership, and the matter will be taken up next year.

The address of Grand Master William Douglas, of Manitoba, is given in full. It is chiefly historical in character, giving the several points of contact between the Grand Jurisdictions of Manitoba and North Dakota.

The Fraternal Correspondent, M. W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin, reviewed sixty-two Grand Jurisdictions. As a Foreword he reproduces an article on Masonry written by Brother J. Edward Allen, the Fra-

ternal Correspondent of North Carolina, which gives us a flying review of Masonry throughout the world. We have read this with great interest and profit. Brother Murfin's report is very complete and informing. Alberta is given a page of friendly notice.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Starke, Grand Master, Dickinson.

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, Fargo.

C.V.B.

OHIO

One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication held at Columbus, October 15th, 1930.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. James W. Morgan, Grand Master. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta was represented by Wor. Bro. John P. McCune.

The passing of three Past Grand Masters is fittingly recorded.

The Grand Master's address is a particularly lengthy catalogue of a very strenuous year of labor and leaves little room for general comment. He points out the difficulties of Temple Building and suggests that plans for building and financing should be submitted to Grand Lodge for approval before execution. This resulted in the presentation of a resolution to be dealt with at the next annual communication.

Indiscriminate appeals for charity come in for severe censure, as do chain prayers, anonymous letters, the improper use of Masonic emblems and the endorsement of political candidates, all of which contraventions of the spirit of our Fraternity seem to spread like a rash every once in a while even against the most careful guard of thinking Masons.

Ohio has apparently no regular committee on Masonic Education and the report of the committee appointed by the Grand Master met with rather short shift at the hands of the Ways and Means Committee. The latter committee later succeeded in getting a resolution passed binding the membership to heavy payments to the Washington Memorial Fund.

One hundred and forty-five medals were presented to members who had completed fifty years in good standing.

Voluminous appendices cover the fine work of the Ohio Masonic Home, including a brief history of that Institution, the activities of the Masonic Veteran Association of Ohio and a full review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Alberta receives brief but friendly mention.

One Hundred and Twenty-second Communication at Springfield, October 21st, 1931.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harry G. Gram, Springfield.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati.

A.M.M.

OKLAHOMA

The Twenty-second Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was held at Enid on February 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1930 with M. W. Bro. Rufus O. Renfrew in the Grand East.

The Proceedings of this Grand Body make quite a bit of reading. They apparently have adopted the practice of reporting all business verbatim. The volume starts out with a biographical sketch of the incoming Grand Master Bro. Samuel H. Lattimore. The opening prayer is an eulogy of those who have passed on. The address of welcome to the City of Enid is an oration on the American Constitution and contains nothing Masonic. The reply of Bro. Lattimore was humorous. We are pleased to note that Bro. Henry S. Johnston answered the roll call as the representative of Alberta. Bro. Perry Freeman the representative for Missouri replied to the welcome of the Grand Master in appropriate terms.

The outstanding feature of the work of the Grand Master was his activity in the matter of an educational program suitable to all parts of his jurisdiction and he is to be highly commended for the excellent manner in which he has accomplished his task. To assist and attend at the organization of some forty districts in one short year is a job of some magnitude, and if the jurisdiction of Oklahoma attain the success which we enjoy in Alberta in our district meetings, then Grand Master Renfrew may feel justly proud of his achievement. Rules and regulations relative to the District Meetings have been laid down and these are set forth in the Proceedings. This Grand Body has encouraged and cultivated the necessity of Masonic education; indeed their activities extend beyond the scope of the lodge room and in Muskogee they have a Craftsmens' Club who are doing very excellent work among the disabled veterans and their families. Space does not permit me to enlarge further on this scope of their work, but brethren interested in Masonic Service should read the Proceedings of Oklahoma.

The Grand Master makes some sixteen recommendations, all of which go to show that he is fully alive to the situation and requirements of his jurisdiction for the betterment of Masonry.

In the report of the Committee on Necrology we note the passing of M. W. Bro. Joseph Samuel Murrow, a Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Oklahoma for many years, at the ripe old age of 94. The demise of so eminent and beloved brother must be a distinct loss to Oklahoma and we sympathise with them in his passing.

Accompanying the usual report on the Home maintained by Oklahoma is a history of the founding of the Home which makes interesting reading.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn the difficulty of trying to balance an expenditure of \$130,000.00 with an income of \$80,000.00, quite a problem for this Grand Body to face.

A very excellent address by the Grand Orator, Bro. John R. Abernathy, on the Fundamentals of Masonry as found in the Entered Apprentice degree was delivered and I would commend it to the attention of Masonic students.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is once again from the pen of M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphry and we commend him for his excellent work. Alberta is suitably reviewed.

The report of this Grand Lodge is replete with many matters of interest to the Craft in general, but space prohibits me from even touching on these, but the seeker after Masonic knowledge will find meat a plenty in reading the Proceedings.

M. W. Bro. Samuel H. Lattimore, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Anderson, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 527. Membership, 68,871.

W.I.

OREGON

Eightieth Annual Communication, Portland, June 11th, 12th and 13th, 1930.

The Communication was presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Milton L. Myers. Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. Edgar H. Sensenich, was present.

The Grand Master reported the best of fellowship prevailing amongst the lodges. Reference was made by him to the death during the past year of M. W. Bro. William H. Flanagan, who was Grand Master in 1905-6, and a very beautiful Memorial Service to the memory of the deceased brother was later rendered by Imperial Lodge, No. 159, sitting as a Lodge of Sorrow.

There were no requests for dispensations to form new lodges, which is accounted for by the fact that good highways and modern methods of transportation have brought the lodges more closely together. The forming of new lodges is thus rendered unnecessary. The Grand Master even suggests that in several places some of the smaller lodges might be consolidated to advantage.

The need for vigilance and active investigation on the part of the investigating committees was stressed, and if we can judge all cases from the one cited by the Grand Master this word of warning was very needful. This situation, of course, is not peculiar to Oregon. We quite approve of the view expressed by the Grand Master of the proper relationship between the lodge and the applicant.

All the decisions of the Grand Master were approved.

The Grand Master refused a request to lay the corner stone of a school house after the building had been completed with the exception of the place left for the stone.

The flag ceremony was reported as not being used in several of the lodges, and does not appear to be popular. The Grand Master's suggestion that the ceremony be simplified was adopted.

Although Oregon is among the states that have paid their full levy of \$1.00 per member to the George Washington Memorial Fund a further assessment of a like amount is proposed. Apparently several jurisdictions have experienced difficulty in raising their quota. From the Foreign Correspondence we learn that the charters of thirty lodges in Georgia were suspended for failure to pay their indebtedness to the Fund. We cannot help but wonder what Washington the Mason would think of that action.

Very excellent work in caring for men, women and children needing care and attention is being done by the Home maintained by the Grand Lodge in conjunction with the Order of the Eastern Star. The report of the Committee makes good reading.

The losses in membership during the last five years are reported by the Grand Secretary as approximately 10 per centum.

Recognition was granted to the National Grand Lodge of Rumania and the Grand Lodge of Chili, and deferred in the cases of the Grand Orient of Rumania and the Grand Orient of the Amazon.

The written consent of the Grand Lodge Trustees is required now before a subordinate lodge embarks upon building a temple. Apparently Masonic enthusiasm outran discretion, and a check was found necessary. Dual membership is now permitted.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by its Chairman, Bro. David P. Mason. The review is very exhaustive and thorough, covering 183 pages. Alberta received its share of attention.

C.V.B.

PENNSYLVANIA

1929

Quarterly Grand Communications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were held on the 6th of March, 5th of June, 4th of September and 4th of December, 1929, at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. A Special Communication was held on the 29th of December, 1928, at Pittsburg for the purpose of making the Honourable Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, Mr. Richard B. Mellon and Mr. Richard Coulter, all of Pittsburg, Masons at sight. The Annual Grand Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 27th of December, 1929. R. W. Bro. J. Willison Smith, the Grand Master, presided at the above mentioned Special, four Quarterly and Annual Grand Communications.

At the Quarterly Communication held on December 4th, 1929, a memorial resolution was presented and adopted in which a fitting tribute was paid to the memory of W. Bro. Thomas F. Penman who during the year under review, had passed to the great beyond, paying tribute to the exceptional services to this Grand Lodge by the deceased brother as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence from 1916 to 1925 inclusive:

"W. Bro. Penman was a man of exalted ideals and lived up to them. Behind his quiet and dignified demeanour there was marked ability, a true Masonic spirit and a deep and recognized sincerity of purpose. The service he rendered was not confined to his community nor our Commonwealth, for he wrote himself large in the annals of Masonry throughout the country."

The Proceedings of the four Quarterly Communications were entirely devoted to the financial and prudential affairs of the Grand Lodge and, except as mentioned above, present no matters of general Masonic interest.

The address of the Grand Master at the Annual Grand Communication was very largely statistical and a narration of his official acts.

The Grand Master, as a result of his two years' experience in that exalted position, was impressed with the effective work being accomplished for the benefit of the Craft by the organization or working structure of the Grand Lodge as presently constituted, but he spoke with keen appreciation of the interest and devotion shown by the sixty-one District Deputy Grand Masters and also of the capable and efficient work being performed by the Almoners, Stewards, Bursars and Trustees of the various Trust Funds being administered on behalf of the Grand Lodge. He referred to the increase in membership from 115,460 in 1914 to 212,756 in 1928, and parallel therewith to an increase in financial resources during the same period from \$4,216,709 to approximately \$18,000,000 independent of the resources of the subordinate lodges.

The Grand Master pointed out the necessity for a large endowment fund in respect of the continued operation of the Masonic Home in Pennsylvania, and suggested that a \$10,000,000 endowment fund would not be too ambitious for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. During the year contributions were received in excess of \$163,000 for the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital.

Notwithstanding the magnificent resources of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master felt it necessary to bring to the attention of the subordinate lodges the importance of the sound economic principle of keeping expenses well within the receipts, and the advisability of establishing annual dues sufficient to meet the proper expenses of the lodges, the avoidance of extravagance in social functions, and wise financial management by the Worshipful Masters.

On St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27th, 1928, after the close of the Annual Grand Communication at 1:15 o'clock p.m., the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, members of the Grand Lodge, and invited guests, assembled in Old Christ Church, on Second Street above Market, Philadelphia, in attendance at religious services to observe and commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of that occasion when in this same Church, on December 28th, 1778, Brother George Washington, then General and Commander in Chief of the armies of the United States of North America and later the first President of those United States, was in attendance. The Grand Master sets out the order of the service in detail, including the sermon delivered by a distinguished Mason, Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D., of which we quote the concluding words:

"God gives us more light of truth, more love of justice, more understanding of His will and way for us in these new and strange times, when old paths grow dim."

"To these high values Masonry is dedicated, by its history no less than by its faith and teaching. It is not a Church. It is not a political party. It is a fellowship of men who are seeking goodness, using old and simple emblems to teach themselves the truth that makes us men of faithfulness—men who are brothers of their fellows and builders of a better, kinder, juster and more joyous world, in which liberty and laughter and charity and justice shall toil for the service of men and the glory of God."

The Review of Proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Jurisdictions was presented by the Committee on Correspondence of five members, in which Alberta receives due recognition, in respect of the Proceedings for the years 1928 and 1929.

Number of Lodges, 566. Total membership, 214,195. Net gain, 1,439.

Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William S. Snyder.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. John A. Perry.

F.S.S.

PENNSYLVANIA

1930

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year on 5th March, 4th June, 3rd September and 3rd December, 1930, and the Annual Grand Communication was held on 27th December, 1930, St. John the Evangelist's Day. All these meetings were held in the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, and Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William S. Snyder presided.

At the Quarterly Communication held on March 5th an outstanding matter reported on was a bequest to Grand Lodge of over eight hundred thousand dollars from Mrs. Virginia A. McKee, of Pittsburg, the bequest being received for the benefit of the Masonic Home of this Grand Lodge. Another matter of interest reported was the completion of arrangements for the acquisition of a site for a new Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. This site cost almost a million and a quarter dollars.

At the Quarterly Communication in June the most interesting feature was a message of congratulation from the Freemasons of Pennsylvania, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, extending congratulations to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, upon his attaining his eightieth birthday and his completing thirty years of continuous service as Grand Master.

At the Quarterly Communication held in December all the committees of the Grand Lodge presented reports dealing with the work of the year, and in particular there were presented reports of all the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge including the various Trusts being administered by it for benevolent and other purposes. These financial matters require 89 pages of printed matter. The total assets being administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania approximate \$15,000,000. The membership is about 215,000. It can readily be understood that the position of Grand Master in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania is no light task, but one of very great and serious responsibility. There is every indication in the reports presented that Grand Master Snyder has measured up to his responsibilities in a satisfactory manner.

Detailed reports of the Masonic Home established by this Grand Lodge at Elizabethtown were submitted, which indicate that wonderful work is being done for some 500 or more beneficiaries in an environment of the most pleasing kind. This Grand Jurisdiction has been fortunate in the large amounts which have been bequeathed to it by deceased brethren for these benevolent purposes. Money alone, however, does not make Masonic benevolence. While placed with ample means, the Masons of Pennsylvania display the true brotherly Masonic spirit toward their guests in these institutions and devote much sympathetic thought and earnest effort in behalf of those members of the Craft and their dependents whose circumstances have not been so fortunate as those of the vast majority of the Craft in this great and powerful jurisdiction.

The Review of Proceedings submitted by the Committee on Correspondence, consisting of five members with R. W. Bro. William Dick as Chairman, is for brethren of other jurisdictions the most interesting part of these Proceedings. It is printed in very readable type and the reviewers have succeeded in presenting their thoughts and sentiments in very readable form, as well as appearing to have caught the highlights, as it were, of Masonic activities in the various jurisdictions under review. Alberta receives very generous and appreciative attention. We trust that the reviews of the Pennsylvania

Proceedings of 1929 and 1930, both of which appear in our present report and which will be in Alberta 1931 Proceedings, will make some amends for the omission of a year ago.

Total membership, Dec. 27th, 1929, 214,103. Net gain during 1929, 1,347.

Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William S. Snyder.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. John A. Perry.

F.S.S.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

1929

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands was held at the Masonic Temple, 90 Escolta, Manila, commencing Tuesday, January 22nd, 1929. M. W. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw, Grand Master, presided.

Nine Past Grand Masters were in attendance and seventy-four Grand Jurisdictions, including Alberta, were represented by their Grand Representatives. Suitable addresses of welcome and reply were made by Grand Master Kalaw and R. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzales, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

In his annual address the Grand Master reviewed a year of intensive work, as evidenced not only by the numerous visits made to all parts of the jurisdiction but also many important questions which have had to receive his attention. It would appear that several of the difficulties which this Grand Lodge in former years has experienced have been solved through the patient and peaceful yet firm policy which has been followed by his predecessors for several years. Among these appears to be the relations existing between the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and officials of the Mystic Shrine, between whom a working relationship appears to have been evolved.

Among the subjects discussed by the Grand Master are the following:

The financial position and the work being done through the Grand Lodge official publication *Cabletow*.

The construction of several new Masonic Temples within the jurisdiction.

District Conventions, of which three were held during the year, two in Manila, and one at San Pablo for the Province of Laguma. These Conventions are held for the purpose of bringing the brethren of a given district and any others who may wish to participate together for the discussion of matters of interest to them or concerning Masonry and Masons in general.

The hospital for crippled children in which they are caring for eight small patients, with a waiting list.

The marked progress in development of the fraternal spirit by fraternal visits among the lodges.

On the subject of "Admission of Candidates" we quote:

"Masonry is not a proselyting institution. We are not obliged to have everybody in our ranks in order to be able to carry on the good

work. We want not followers but leaders, not crowds but guides. To make our work more thorough and lasting, we must accept under our banners only the very best, leaving the rest of humanity to receive the benefits of our activities and profit by the lessons of our conduct and actions, because we work for others and not for ourselves."

Under the caption "Educational System" the brethren of this jurisdiction are urged to give full support to the free and democratic educational system established by the Government. We quote:

"We cannot countenance in our schools any sectarian move that will tend to create segregations or divisions on matters of religious beliefs and will again introduce religious intolerance which has in all times been the worst enemy of order and of the State. The separation of Church and State is a Masonic conquest that we must preserve at all costs."

Grand Master Kalaw envisages the future of Masonry in the Orient in the following peroration:

"If I were asked now what I consider that phase of our external Masonry that we should study and promote in the near future for the maintenance of our Institution, I should frankly say to you: Let us spread Masonry in the Far East among its various peoples. Let us have the natives of these isles and regions of Asia and Oceania mingle with other people in centres of fraternity, equality, and democracy, such as Freemasonry, in order that they may not only become better acquainted with each other and do good and practise charity together, but that they may love each other and teach the rest the benefits of that love. The coming years will be a time of intense activity and, perhaps, of unrest among the peoples of Asia and Oceania who have hitherto been sleeping. The West is flooding us with its men, its trade, its ideas, its principles, its methods, its institutions. The East is awakening and that awakening brings with it the consciousness of its own worth and responsibility. The final readjustment of the struggle of interests and civilizations that is drawing near will inevitably be preceded by serious conflicts that it is our duty to prevent, or the bad effects of which we must at least endeavour to palliate. Let us organize lodges in every important city of the Orient and have natives and foreigners fraternize in them daily. This will show that they are brothers who can live together without any necessity for hating each other, it will introduce into their future relations an element of love and unity that will be indispensable for the progress and the harmonious living together of these races."

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Comfort, presented a gratifying report, from which we extract the following:

"We have had a successful and satisfactory year. The ends towards which we were striving all showed a measure of achievement and accomplishment, so much so that we see an advance in all the projects of the Grand Lodge, and we naturally must be stimulated to greater striving and more labor for the accomplishment of the purpose of our institution."

"The relations between the different lodges of our Grand Jurisdictions have been commendable and we note with considerable satisfaction that much inter-lodge visitation occurred of a type which cannot but be an added medium of acquaintanceship of real value to the brethren of this jurisdiction."

On the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence recognition of and exchange of Grand Representatives with the National Grand Lodge of France was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Special mention should be made of the address delivered by Bro. Thomas N. Powell, Grand Orator. Such messages cannot fail to have a beneficial effect by way of information and inspiration to those who were privileged to hear or those who may find opportunity to read them.

Following the installation of officers, M. W. Bro. George R. Harvey presented the retiring Grand Master a Past Grand Master's Jewel, and took occasion to express to M. W. Bro. Kalaw the sense of appreciation felt by the Masons of the Philippine Islands for his untiring services in behalf of the Craft, and particularly in bringing about the union of the former District Grand Lodge of the Spanish Grand Orient with the Grand Lodge over which he had presided for the year just ended.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Comfort and W. Bro. Fisher. In the foreword special reference was made to the Conferences of leaders of the Craft which have been held in various parts of the Masonic world, for instance, in the British Isles, Mexico, Central America, and last but not least, the Conference of Grand Masters in the United States. Interesting reference was also made to the two great memorials being erected by the fraternity, the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, and the Masonic Peace Memorial in London, England.

In the matter of Dues, we quote:

"Suspension for non-payment of dues seems to be the one unsolved problem noted and commented upon in almost every Grand Jurisdiction. No new plan for its prevention was suggested, all seeming to assert that the personal element appeal of the right man in the lodge has been the only plan generally admitted to be of real value."

The Report reviews the Proceedings of 66 Grand Jurisdictions in which Alberta is included.

F.S.S.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

1930

The Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands was held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Manila, Philippine Islands, on Tuesday, January 28th, A.D. 1930. M. W. Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien, Grand Master presided.

There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and Grand Representatives of seventy-nine other jurisdictions, Alberta not being represented. The Grand Master extended a very cordial welcome to these Grand Representatives, to which response was made by M. W. Bro. Theodore M. Kalaw, immediate Past Grand Master, from whose remarks we quote:

"We believe in the principles of Masonry as an efficient means for the perfection of man. We also believe in the necessity of international

co-operation in order that those principles may be of the greatest service and do the most good to humanity, bringing about a better understanding and greater comity and friendship between all peoples, regardless of race. We believe that in this part of the civilized world, in this beautiful corner of the Orient, inhabited by a people eager for progress and further light, a people of the Malay race improved by the Christian religion and western civilization, Masonry has a special mission of peace, concord, unity and education by the path of common aggrandizement."

In his annual address the Grand Master dealt with a great many subjects of importance, and also gives a full descriptive and statistical account of his activities during his year of office. Referring to the "Cabletow", a publication of the Grand Lodge, he intimated that this publication was making excellent progress and being placed on a better financial basis from year to year. Pleasing reference was also made to the visit of M. W. Bro. Harry M. Belt, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Grand Master discussed fully the problems of Masonic education and research, lodge administration, the necessity for Masonic Temples or lodge rooms, the increasing demand for Masonic relief and the problem of increasing attendance at lodge meetings. We quote a few extracts from his address:

"To my way to thinking, one of the greatest problems that confronts Masonry in the Philippines today is the education of its membership in the history and philosophy of Freemasonry. The ideals and principles of this great Institution, which we would implant in the hearts of our brethren and have them apply in their daily lives, are expressed by symbolism. If we hope ever to weave and build into the character of our members the steadying and balancing influence of those purifying principles and tenets and thereby ennoble and beautify their lives, they must know and comprehend the true meaning of those symbols.

"From my observations during the past year, I am convinced that if there is to be any substantial progress in many of our lodges, there must be a general improvement in the administration of their affairs. Many of the difficulties facing the lodges today are due primarily to the careless and unbusiness-like manner in which their business is conducted."

"The most urgent need of today of many of the provincial lodges is a suitable building in which to hold their meetings. Their situation in this respect is really deplorable, and constitutes a real detriment to the best interests of Masonry. They have not been able so far to acquire and own their own temples, and owing to the strong opposition of a certain element to their activities, it is almost impossible in some places for the brethren to rent an appropriate building in which to conduct their work."

"Our Constitution places on the subordinate lodges the moral duty of providing adequate relief for their distressed worthy members, their widows and children. In general, that duty has been cheerfully complied with by our lodges to the best of their ability."

The Grand Master speaks in optimistic terms of the general condition of Masonry in the Philippines. He says, "Year by year the light of Freemasonry is shining brighter and brighter in the Philippines. I feel that the labors of the past year have added something to its lustre. Its future appears to be greater today and more influential than ever before."

The Annual Oration was delivered by M. W. Bro. Rafael Palma, whose message had a high literary quality as well as an inspiring content of lofty thought and noble sentiment.

While there do not appear any outstanding features in the Proceedings of the 1930 Grand Communication, yet it is quite evident that the position of the Craft in the Philippine Islands has been consolidated and firmly established on sound Masonic lines. For some years, doubtless, there will be a great deal of earnest and painstaking work done in the many branches of Masonic activity in these islands. This work will perhaps not be spectacular but nevertheless will be extremely valuable, as we have no doubt the labors of the Grand Master and his officers of the Craft in general during the past year have been. It would appear that this Grand Jurisdiction has reached the stage when its progress will consist in a quiet, steady growth in its many lines of activity. The reviewer has no doubt that a large measure of the credit for the success attained by the Craft in these islands is due to the continued, unstinted, tactful and faithful work done by M. W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, and we hope that he may long be spared to continue to gather further laurels in this wonderful work.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. Comfort and M. W. Bro. Fischer. Their review covers all the Grand Jurisdictions with which they are in fraternal relations, and Alberta receives quite appreciative and generous recognition. This report takes up over 130 pages of closely printed matter, and is more than half the volume of the Proceedings. In the Foreword the reviewer finds that the emphasis on the value of life and its betterment, as being one of the principal aims of our Institution, finds universal expression throughout the Masonic world as evidenced by the Annual Addresses of the Grand Masters or other principal speakers at the Annual Communications, and then the reviewer closes with a very interesting two-page quotation from a speech by Dr. F. Gordon Hart, which would be well worth reproduction here if space would permit.

Number of Lodges, 102. Total membership, 6,646. Decrease, 21.

Grand Master, Vincente Carmona.

Grand Secretary, Newton C. Comfort.

F.S.S.

QUEENSLAND

Proceedings of Grand Lodge ending June, 1930.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held to authorize and did authorize the raising of money by way of mortgage to complete building the Masonic Temple at Brisbane, which it was expected would cost approximately \$400,000.

At a Special Communication of Grand Lodge held in August, 1929, a very eloquent address was delivered by His Excellency Baron Stonehaven, Gov. Gen. of the Commonwealth of Australia, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. This address showed a very warm appreciation of and personal interest in Freemasonry.

The Constitution was amended for the purpose of allowing the Grand Secretary and the Assistant Grand Secretary to continue in

office during the pleasure of Grand Lodge and thus avoid the uncertainty of an annual election.

For the past ten years with the sanction of Grand Lodge a Memorial Service in connection with Armistice Day has been held in this jurisdiction, but at the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge held in December, 1929, the Board of General Purposes recommended its discontinuance owing to the poor attendance. Grand Lodge, however, decided to try it for another year at least.

The Australian Masonic Conference had recommended:

(a) That no Freemason be permitted to attend any meeting of, or be member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

(b) That no meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star be permitted in any lodge room.

The adoption of these resolutions by Grand Lodge was moved by the Board of General Purposes and they were discussed at great length. It appeared that the Constitution of the Order of the Eastern Star had recently been changed, formerly no man not a Freemason could belong. This requirement as to men has been eliminated. The Resolution was referred back to the Board of General Purposes for their consideration. During the discussion the Grand Master stated, "I, as Grand Master, want to state very definitely that no permission will be granted permitting any organization to meet in any lodge room that has been dedicated to Freemasonry. I am not now speaking specifically regarding the Order of the Eastern Star, but my decision embraces all organizations."

At a subsequent quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, the following recommendation of the Board of General Purposes was passed:

"That Grand Lodge cannot, under any circumstances, allow any one of its members to join the Order of the Eastern Star as a Freemason."

Grand Lodge approved the resolution that the membership of a lodge should not exceed 150. This, so that the members might have a better chance of becoming acquainted.

The Grand Master traveled over 8,000 miles visiting various lodges in the jurisdiction. A full account of these visits appear in the report.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received from the United Grand Lodge of England a statement of the basic principles for Grand Lodge recognition. These were also received by this Grand Lodge and printed in our Proceedings last year.

During the year ending June 30th, 1930, the Benevolent Fund paid out from time to time \$11,000 and is making grants on account of 51 Orphans, 6 Widows and 9 Aged Masons. In addition, there are 7 Aged Masons in the Freemasons' Homes, sustained by the Fund. The total investment of the Fund amounts to approximately \$132,050.

No Review of Foreign Correspondence is published.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. H. Green.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. C. H. Harley, P.G.M., Brisbane, Queensland.

E.T.B.

RHODE ISLAND

1930

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in the Freemasons Hall, Providence, on Monday, May 19th, A.D. 1930. M. W. Bro. Arthur S. Vaughn, Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master's address was a business-like report of his official acts and contained little of general interest, although it evidenced a very active and busy year for the Grand Master both within and without the territorial jurisdiction over which he held sway. From a perusal of the Grand Master's address and the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, it appears that the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction is highly satisfactory. The Grand Master gave an interesting summary of the Agenda of the Conference of Grand Masters held in Washington, D.C. on February 20th, 1930.

The report of the Masonic Service Board presents interesting details of the activities of the relief work and employment service carried on in this jurisdiction, which, though small in size, has a dense population of a highly industrial character. This branch of Masonic endeavor is meeting with very considerable success.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report three applications for Fraternal Recognition, upon which action was deferred. The general attitude of the committee, however, appears in the concluding paragraph of the Report, which reads as follows:

"There seems to be a tendent movement in the Grand Lodges of many foreign countries to seek fraternal recognition. Your Committee regard this as a movement looking in the right direction, and are heartily in favor of granting recognition where our requirements are fully met. Our difficulty, however, lies in the inability to obtain the necessary information regarding the Bodies."

No Review of the Proceedings of other jurisdictions is presented.

Grand Representatives of thirty-eight other jurisdictions were present, Alberta not being represented.

Total membership, 19,132. Net gain, 111.

Grand Master, Henry S. She.

Grand Secretary, Harold L. McAuslin.

F.S.S.

SCOTLAND

1930

The M. W. Grand Master Mason, Bro. A. A. Hagart Speirs of Elderslie, had been very seriously ill but recovered sufficiently to be present at the May Communication when, on behalf of Grand Lodge, the R. W. Grand Master Depute, Bro. The Master of Saltaun, expressed the deep feeling of gratitude Grand Lodge had in his recovery, and trusted he would soon be fully restored to health.

At the August Communication, a letter was read from the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Stair, Immediate Past Grand Master, reporting on his

visit to Toronto on the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, at which he represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and speaks enthusiastically of his reception, he also mentioned meeting the Grand Master of Manitoba, M. W. Bro. Hunter, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Ovas, in Winnipeg, and when passing through Montreal, he met the Grand Master of Quebec. Another letter was read from M. W. Bro. Wardrope, P.G.M., and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, near the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, saying how much they enjoyed the visit of this distinguished Brother, and noting that it was the first time in their history that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had been represented by a Past Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has lodges in many parts of the world and request for rulings come from Egypt, North China, Syria, Palestine, Ashantie and other countries. A petition for a lodge was received from Nigeria. The position of certain matters in a lodge existing at Port Louis, Mauritius, was considered, showing the wide responsibilities of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The above instances being only a very few of such incidents mentioned.

A lodge was disciplined by Grand Lodge for balloting for and initiating two candidates without due notice being given. It would appear that the usual notice was issued to the members of the lodge for a fortnightly meeting to be held on Wednesday the 5th of February, and the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday the 19th of February, the business for the 19th of February, being to ballot for and, if favorable, to initiate on some future date, two candidates. At the fortnightly meeting, on the 5th of February, the report of the committee, on the application of these two candidates was approved, the ballot was then taken, and it was intimated that the candidates would be initiated at a special meeting held on the 10th of February. No notice was issued to the members of the lodge that the ballot would be taken on the 5th, instead of the 19th, nor was any notice given to other than the members present, that a special meeting to initiate, would be held on the 10th of February. At this special meeting, on the 10th, the two candidates were duly initiated. At a special meeting of the lodge, on March the 3rd, they were passed in the Second Degree, again due notice of this meeting was not given. Further, it would appear that at the monthly meeting of the lodge held on the 22nd of January, the minutes of previous meetings of the lodge, were not read to the lodge for approval as required by its own by-laws. The lodge was suspended for one month, the Right Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens and the Secretary were suspended from all Masonic privileges for three months. In spite of the leniency of Grand Lodge, the sentence was appealed, but met with refusal and sentence confirmed.

At the November meeting the M. W. Grand Master Mason was re-elected and at the annual celebration on the Festival of St. Andrew, that evening, in replying to the toast to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, referred to the fact that it was nearly forty years since he first became a member of Grand Lodge, and then gave a comparative statement of the financial standing and numerical strength as between the Grand Lodge in 1930 as against 1890, forty years ago. Just a few of his figures may be of interest. The total income for 1930 was \$63,765.00 in 1890 it was \$25,390.00. The expenditure was \$33,495.00 as against \$10,390.00. The Fund of Scottish Benevolence dealt with 119 cases at an expenditure of \$12,825.00. In 1890 the number of cases was 112 but the amount of the grants was only \$3,560.00. With regard to the General Annuity Fund, the number of gratuities granted was 244 and the amount expended was \$20,210.00 and the lodge collections were \$25,485.00.

In 1890, these figures ran, 79 annuities, amount expended \$3,950.00, which goes to show the increase in forty years and what a good work "is being done under those much abused bodies Grand Committee and Grand Lodge Annuity Fund."

Besides the above, they have now an Orphan Annuity Fund, founded in 1919 and which expended \$5,710.00 in 1930 and since it was founded has expended \$121,545.00. The total amount expended on benevolence amounted to \$52,500.00, so it can be seen that our brethren of Scotland are by no means idle.

The reports by the Provincial Grand Masters are something like those of our D.D.G.M.'s. The lodges are inspected, their books examined and their Working criticised. One makes the remark that while appreciating the work of the secretaries of the lodges, he has sought to impress upon them the fact that they are the historians of the lodges and that each minute is a chapter in the history of the lodge. Another one reports the revival of a lodge which had been dormant for a number of years. Apparently through the efforts of the Grand Lodge Officer who reports, as he says on making inquiries "we, by some happy chance, were directed to certain members of the lodge who were enthusiastic Masons and who only awaited an opportunity of showing it." They were successful, for on a second visit a year afterwards, there were sixty present, the books were in order and the working of a degree was excellently carried through.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence.

J. H. W. S. K.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, 1930.

The Grand Master, in dealing with the matter of contributions to the Benevolent Fund, pointed out that the aggregate amount was quite satisfactory, but that some of the individual lodges had failed to make proper contributions. He says, "from this point of view the aggregate is almost less important than the assurance that in this respect the whole brotherhood is in union in its profession and in the practice of its profession."

M. W. Bro. His Excellency Brig. Gen., the Hon. Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., in his speech on acceptance of the position of Grand Master, said in part:

"Freemasonry is the oldest and strongest stronghold of the spirit of benevolence, fraternity and subordination that the world has ever known. Our mission is one of peace and concord, to unite all men in the Temple of harmony. That spirit is more needed in the world today than ever and will be needed still more in the future, even more than it has been in the past.

"That is the answer, the plain and simple answer to the question as to why we are Masons, and what is the value of the Craft. That is why when other institutions are being cast aside, when many old beliefs and customs are being scrapped, that Freemasonry continues to grow and to attract men of high ideals and character as never before."

The net total assets of Grand Lodge are valued at about \$530,000.

Total disbursements of the Benevolent Fund for the year amounted to a little less than \$6,000.

An ample review of the Report of Foreign Correspondence is included in the Annual Report. The Proceedings of Alberta are dealt with at length.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Brigadier-General, The Hon. Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, Adelaide.

E.T.B.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Ninety-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina was held in Charleston, that good old city of southern hospitality, March 12th and 13th, 1930, M. W. Bro. W. A. Giles, Grand Master.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of North Carolina were distinguished visitors present to symbolize the cement of fellowship so traditional between the Carolinas. The Grand Representative of Alberta was not present.

M. W. Bro. Giles, with a happy introduction to his address, informs his Grand Lodge that in his opinion never in the history of the jurisdiction has there been such complete harmony and satisfaction as exists at the present time. The moving forces he attributes as responsible are, firstly, the educational movement which has touched the hearts and minds of the brethren through their better knowledge of Masonic philosophy and ethics, and secondly, the altruistic spirit created by the very successful campaign conducted to raise funds for the erection of a tubercular unit for women at State Park. The latter is a further demonstration of the Christian anomaly of receiving by giving.

Recommendations of M. W. Bro. Giles which were adopted were, withdrawal from membership in the Relief Association of the United States and Canada, continuance of membership in the Masonic Service Association for at least another year, and the engaging of a chartered accountant for the auditing of the Grand Secretary's and Treasurer's accounts. Dual membership in South Carolina is a matter of dispensation. The two dispensations for such which were issued were approved with the qualifications that if too freely indulged in would cause harm.

Last year Grand Lodge decided to have prepared patents for presentation to retiring Grand Masters. A fac-simile appears in the Proceedings of the one issued to M. W. Bro. Giles.

Many will regret to learn that South Carolina has found it necessary to amend the Educational program by dispensing with the services of a full time director. His particular effort lay along the lines of holding public meetings, giving addresses at lodges, and the issuing of a monthly bulletin. The policy now to be followed is the centering of educational effort in the individual lodges directed by local enthusiasts, lectures by well skilled brethren and the use of the bulletin. Redoubled efforts are to be made fully realizing that oftentimes the greatest need is least appreciated and that true leadership must pay the price of toil and

sacrifice in order to insure the future. The Director has not been led on with unduly high hopes for he says, "No one has looked for or expected a revolution, a great upheaval, a startling revival of interest. No human being can produce such results. A love of Freemasonry, an understanding of its teachings, an interest in the great work it is doing—these things are not of mushroom growth but rather of years of patient work, usually without visible results—are necessary, and such work is really worth while." One fears that too often these programs fail to meet with the amount of success due them owing to the present complexity of life, the unwillingness of the individual to think, and his preference for entertainment of a light and casual nature. Undoubtedly our school systems contribute to this situation for they turn out the young mind crammed with facts yet unable and unwilling to think through. Too many Masons are missing the substance of Masonry when they miss its philosophy and concealed teachings.

The passing of M. W. Bro. Orlando Sheppard, Grand Master in 1899, is recorded. A great soul has been summoned from his labors to the celestial temple, there to receive his wages from the hand of his God.

The Grand Historian reported that his work of compiling the history down to date had been completed. The Grand Secretary was instructed to obtain prices as to the cost of publication and report at the next Annual Communication.

The Correspondence Report is furnished by M. W. Bro. George T. Harmon. His intelligent report of Alberta for 1928 rather excoriates those lodges who fail to have any representation at Grand Lodge. Speaking in general terms and not of Alberta particularly he suggests a wider adoption of the practice of some jurisdictions of revoking the charters of any lodges who for three consecutive years fail to be represented at Grand Lodge. Perhaps this is rather drastic but we do agree with him that the time has come for action. He commends our system of reporting the percentage of lodge attendance and has warm approval for our plan of handling benevolence through the lodges with the assistance of the Benevolent Committee.

Number of Lodges, 351. Membership, 29,032. Loss, 662.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. I. C. Blackwood.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. O. Frank Hart.

V.H.M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Fifty-sixth Annual Communication, Rapid City, June 10th and 11th.

An address of welcome was given by M. W. Bro. John F. Schrader, P. G. M., a member of the local lodge. He reminded his hearers that the Ninth Annual Communication had also been held in Rapid City and contrasted the conditions then prevailing with those of today. He emphasized especially the spirit of good fellowship that was so evident in 1883. This is a pleasant feature of all pioneering communities, and goes a long way to compensate for the inconveniences and pleasures, left behind in the old homestead. R. W. Bro. Cyrus B. Warne, Grand Senior Warden, replied fittingly.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William F. Sargent, reported peace and harmony, to a marked degree, prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

Under the heading of Necrology he mentioned especially the death of Brother Francis M. Ziebach, a charter member of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and the oldest Mason in the State. Brother Ziebach was born in 1830.

One Masonic Temple, that of Eagle Butte Lodge, No. 172, was dedicated, and two dispensations for new lodges granted. Very few decisions were necessary, as apparently the officers of subordinate lodges are making themselves familiar with the Constitution and By-laws of Grand Lodge.

By edict of the Grand Master the first stated communication of each constituent lodge in November shall be designated and observed as Grand Lodge Night. At this communication it was recommended that the Grand Master's address be read, and that a discussion be held on the important business transacted, in addition to hearing the report of the lodge's regular representative. By further edict it was directed that at the communication of each lodge held nearest to November 11th all work be suspended for a period of two minutes, and the brethren be requested to pay silent tribute to those who sacrificed their lives, their health and their fortunes in the great struggle for world peace; to give thanks for the peace which had since blessed their land, and to pledge themselves to do all they could in their several walks of life to further the cause of world-wide and perpetual peace among the peoples of the earth. We would like to suggest the World Court to the Grand Master.

High praise is given the District Deputy System, which has been organized for only a few months.

Regret is expressed that South Dakota has not made a better showing in her contribution to the George Washington National Memorial, being almost at the bottom of the list of contributors, while North Dakota, on the other hand, stands seventh in comparative givings to this scheme.

The Grand Master has a word of warning against what he calls the system of rotation in office. He believes that this system is depriving the Craft of the services of many outstanding men, who either cannot or will not serve seven years, when practically the whole time of the lodge is given to the conferring of degrees. Where this system has become firmly established it has, to all purposes, taken the privilege from the lodge members of electing their Worshipful Master.

The Grand Master has watched with growing concern the springing up of new organizations which predicate their membership on Masonry, and has noted their rapid growth. He thinks the danger lies in the fact that these organizations will tend to split up Masonry. It is contended by many that Craft Masonry is not as effective as it rightfully should be because of the divided interests of its membership among the other bodies. Apparently orders now in existence are not under his suspicion, as later in the Proceedings the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter O.E.S. of South Dakota, Mrs. Lucille M. Poznansky, was introduced and welcomed.

Appropriate reference was made to the efficient service of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. George A. Pettigrew, who has the re-

markable record of fifty years of service as a Mason and thirty-five as Grand Secretary—a truly great Masonic record.

Twelve members received Fifty Year Medals.

The Grand Secretary reported the membership at 19,885, a net gain of 106.

Apparently recognition was denied to the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico.

Quite a large part of the proceedings is printed in very small type, which makes rather difficult reading. We hardly see the reason of this, as the Report of the Proceedings is not a large volume.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Carl H. Kubler, Deadwood, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

TASMANIA

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Tasmania was held at Hobart, April 2nd, 1930. A half-yearly Communication was held the 23rd of August, 1930.

During the half-year the Board of Benevolence paid out approximately \$6,500. The capital of this Fund stands at approximately \$54,000.

During the year Tasmania was visited by a disastrous flood. The Masonic body contributed in relief in this connection approximately \$10,000.

The Grand Master refers to the ever recurring subject of Masonic dress. He clearly points out that the essential point is that the Apron must be worn so that the distinguishing marks of rank are visible, with the apparent result that with a dress-suit the Apron may be worn under the coat but in all other cases on the outside of the coat.

One very interesting item in the Proceedings is the formation by one of the lodges of committees to look after the interests of and help incoming settlers in the district, a plan that might very well be followed with advantage in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Total number of Lodges, 50. Total membership at June, 30th, 1930, 4036.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. F. P. Bowden.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. H. Strutt.

E.T.B.

TENNESSEE

The Annual Communication was held at Nashville on January 29th, 1930. M. W. Bro. Quincy A. Tipton, Grand Master, presided.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters attended. Alberta was not represented. Of their 456 lodges, only 15 were not represented, surely a remarkably good attendance.

The Grand Master in referring to the Widows' and Orphans' Home, states that he never has been and is not now an advocate of the Home, for he has always thought there was a better and less expensive way in which to take care of our widows, orphans and aged Masons, and now from the experiences which the Board of Control has had in the last two or three years, in caring for these in their home communities, he knows that there is a better and less expensive way. On referring to the report dealing with the Home, we can understand what he means. They say that they had many applications for admittance to the Home during 1929, which they were obliged to refuse on account of finances, and yet these applicants have lived and been cared for during the year without help from the Home. The Board felt it necessary to send an experienced investigator to every case applying, and they find that in many instances a few dollars monthly would keep that family in its own community, allowing them to take part in that communities work and enjoy the pleasure of their friends. This experiment has been tried out and the results are very gratifying. It is much cheaper than uprooting the applicants from their own communities and transplanting them to a central localized institution. We believe these applicants, who are being maintained in their own home, are much freer and happier than they would be in an institution, and possibly have more advantages than any institution could offer. As an example of cost, they have expended an average per capita of approximately \$150.00 per year for outside maintenance, while those within the institution are costing \$330.00 per year. We might quote further along the same lines but the experience of Tennessee is best summed up by the following resolution, which was adopted: "That this Grand Lodge authorize the Board of Control to solicit the sale of the Widows' and Orphans' Home and report back at the next Annual Communication."

Grand Lodge defined the prerequisites necessary before it can enter into fraternal relations with another Grand Jurisdiction. These are substantially the same as our own Grand Lodge.

The Fraternal Correspondence is conducted by Bro. John T. Peeler. Alberta does not appear in the report, probably being received too late for review.

M. W. Bro. E. R. Burr, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

UTAH

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, January 21st and 22nd, 1930, M. W. Grand Master Arthur Edward Smith presiding. Twenty-three out of twenty-five lodges in the jurisdiction were represented. Alberta's representative was absent.

The Grand Master reported that he had been able to visit all the lodges during his term of office, and had received a most cordial welcome everywhere. Without exception the lodges were found healthy and financially sound. Although the growth in numbers in some lodges has not been great, yet evidences of progress are seen in the purchase of new lodge furniture and equipment, and the manifestation of a true Masonic spirit.

Apparently the Masonic Service Association movement has largely collapsed, as only about twelve Grand Jurisdictions retain membership therein. The reorganization of the association is fully explained in the report of the Junior Grand Warden.

The Kaibab Caravan trip to the Kaibab Forest was called off, partly on account of the difficulty in interesting a sufficient number of Masons and their families to go, and partly on account of a disappointment in making arrangements for entertaining visiting brethren. The Grand Master suggested that instead of going to the same place year after year other points of interest be visited for the sake of variety and that Blue Lodge work be omitted from the ceremony. This suggestion would appear to be sound.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology is a particularly appropriate one, and makes good reading.

The Grand Secretary reported that, after losses and gains had been balanced, the membership stood at exactly the same figure as in the preceding year, namely, 5,174.

All the decisions of the Grand Master were approved with the exception of the decision as to the use of two ballot boxes in balloting, which he said was not permissible. It would appear to us that the Grand Master was correct.

Recognition was extended to the Eclectic Union of Frankfort and to the Grand Lodges of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

The Report of the Board of Custodians relative to lodge attendance is very interesting. It is exhaustive and analytical, and shows a very earnest attempt to get at the reason of the dwindling attendance at lodge meetings. Information was sought from the lodges by means of questionnaires. While the answers were rather conflicting the general result seems to disprove the suspicion that the length of the lectures was partly responsible. It seems to be held that the meetings are too long, and last too late into the night. Other reasons assigned for poor attendance are too many counter-attractions, too much routine, too much work, too little work and general indifference. This result is what one might expect, as the conditions of the several lodges vary in many particulars. The committee expressed the opinion, however, that Grand Lodge should consider the question of shortening and modernizing the less essential portions of the degrees, with special reference to the lectures and charges.

The Committee on the Revision of the Masonic Code asked for further time, which was granted.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. George R. Corey, spoke on the relationship between the members of the Masonic Fraternity and the various civic and political affairs of the community, and gave some practical advice to Masons.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is given again by R. W. Bro. Sam H. Goodwin, Grand Secretary, who seems to have approached his task refreshed and invigorated from his enforced holiday that he referred to in his report as Grand Secretary. His material has been critically selected, and his comments when given are interesting, frank and always generous, with the touch of the scholar, which we judge the brother to be. Alberta is given two pages in his report. Copious

extracts are given from the report of M. W. Bro. Grand Master Mitchell, which is characterized as being out of the ordinary—no padding, no “fine” writing, but clear, concise, forthright setting out of his doings.

Charles Francis Barrett, Salt Lake City, Grand Master.

Sam H. Goodwin, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont was held in the City of Burlington on Wednesday the 11th June, 1930, with M. W. Bro. Edwin F. Green, Grand Master presiding in the Grand East.

We of the West where distances are so great are prone to feel a little bit envious of the Eastern States in being able to attract so many eminent brethren of Sister Jurisdictions to the Grand East. Vermont was particularly fortunate in this respect, having the Grand Masters of New Hampshire, New Jersey, Connecticut with their retinue of officers, as well as the personal representative of the Grand Lodge of New York. Such interchange of views and thought must be highly beneficial to both the Grand Lodge visited and the visitors.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged between several Grand Lodges meeting at the same time as the Grand Lodge of Vermont, but I would especially mention that received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in which he expresses the hope that the “tenets of our Order may assist still further to strengthen the bond of friendship and goodwill which so happily exists between our two nations.”

In the address of the Grand Master attention is called to the neglect of lodges not having funds to meet emergencies that might arise or to take care of needy cases of distress. He does not consider the lack of funds as a legitimate excuse, as funds for the purpose may be obtained in some way.

He recommends the encouragement of Past Master's Night in lodges and suggests Washington's Birthday as a fitting date upon which all lodges should honor their Past Masters in having them confer the degree work.

While commending lodges for their desire to build new quarters or improve their present building, the Grand Master points out the necessity for proper financing and suggests that the situation should be thoroughly canvassed by the Grand Lodge Trustees.

The report of the Grand Secretary covers the usual statistical ground and shows a net gain of 113 members with total cash receipts of \$18,244.28.

In the report of the Committee on Correspondence, fraternal recognition is recommended of the Grand Lodge of Chile and also Ecuador and an interchange of representatives ordered.

Of all the reports submitted to the Grand Lodge of Vermont possibly that of the special committee on Masonic Homes is of the greatest moment and interest. That the committee has put a considerable amount of time and labor in their investigation is self evident, and the writer would have liked to quote copiously from the report, and I

would recommend those interested in establishing institutions of such a nature to carefully read and ponder the matter before starting such an enterprise. No action was taken at this session but the committee was continued with instructions to have copies of the report sent to each lodge and continue investigations.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman. We thank him for his review of Alberta and the opinions and criticisms expressed.

M. W. Bro. Aaron H. Grout, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges 103. Membership, 19,672.

W.I.

VICTORIA

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, 1929.

The Grand Master in his address stated that he was informed that in some of the lodges visitors were still announced as "visiting brethren vouched for." He said that this must not continue but that every visitor must be announced with the name of the brother in the lodge vouching for such visitor.

During the year the Board of Benevolence paid out over \$23,000. The capital account of this Fund now stands at over \$625,000.

Grand Lodge has commenced the erection of a Hospital and Nursing Home for aged and infirm Masons at an estimated cost of \$350,000.

This Grand Jurisdiction supports Freemasons Homes which consist of 22 cottages and convalescent home.

A report of Foreign Correspondence, which includes that of Alberta, is published with the Proceedings.

Number of Lodges, 462. Membership, 50,725.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, P.S.G.W., Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.

E.T.B.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Fifty-second Annual Communication was held in Richmond, February 11th, 12th and 13th, 1930. M. W. Bro. John T. Cochran, Grand Master.

The representative of Alberta was present. Among the distinguished visitors received were the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

During the year of his office, the Grand Master succeeded beyond a doubt in defying the old saying about "sitting upon two stools at

once," for not only did he visit ninety-three Craft lodges as Grand Master, but also in the capacity of Lecturer, officially visited seventy-one Royal Arch Chapters. Judging from the catalogue of official dates appended to his report, the whole of his time must have been devoted to the work. For thirteen years he was Masonic Lecturer in the State, and the fellowships engendered during that period were continued as Grand Master for he says, "I have spent the year as usual wandering through the State mingling with my brethren upon the streets, in their lodge rooms and breaking bread with them in their homes."

The George Washington Memorial is being erected on Virginia soil at Alexandria. M. W. Brother J. T. Cochran, in his allusion to the edifice, reported that the building now rises 190 feet to the base of the seventh floor and that to date construction has been in excess of \$2,800,000. Virginia has raised 128 per cent of her quota.

Two hundred and forty-six guests are reported as being sheltered within the friendly Masonic roof-tree at the Home. Maintenance costs at the orphanage have been running for several years much in excess of funds, which with a building debt to liquidate caused the adoption of a resolution to increase the dues for this specific purpose from \$1.50 per annum to \$2.00. From this amount the sum of \$4,000 per year is to be appropriated for the purpose of providing college education for the older children in the Home.

The Masonic Relief Foundation, formed in 1925 to secure funds for the erection of a Tubercular Pavillion and an Old Folks' Home, reported that while the first project had been accomplished last year, funds were not being collected fast enough to anticipate the early realization of the latter. The resolution, introduced in the hope of speeding up the fund called for an extra assessment of \$2.00 per year for ten years, did not receive the approval of the assembly.

M. W. Brother James M. Clift, who is both Grand Secretary and Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, in his report of Correspondence concludes with a birds-eye summary of Masonry in general in which he notes, "Indiscriminate lodge building programs are being taken in hand in an advisory capacity by many Grand Lodges. It has been discovered that a burdensome debt on constituent Masonic bodies in a given locality affects Masonry in the entire jurisdiction."

Grand Master, Frank T. McFaden.

Grand Secretary, James M. Clift.

Number of Lodges, 353. Membership, 48,812. Gain, 30.

V. H. M.

WASHINGTON

Seventy-third Annual Communication held at Tacoma, June 17th, 1930.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Arthur W. Davis, Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Frank N. McCandless.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form and the brethren suitably welcomed by W. Brother Robert Alexander on behalf of the lodges of Tacoma and vicinity. The Grand Junior Warden fittingly replied for Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master had started out with a well defined program and we note with considerable interest that he succeeded, directly or indirectly, in carrying out a very large part of it.

Speaking of his first day in office as compared with the end of his term he is able to say definitely "The house is in order, harmony does prevail, Masonry is bigger and better and more hopeful than on this day of 1929." He says four things were uppermost in his mind as a program of action:

1. The establishment of a system of self-education.
2. The reprint of the Masonic Code.
3. The systematizing of the work of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home.
4. The cultivation of a greater respect for the obligations, charges and teachings of the degrees.

The present day quest for "Masonic Education" finds expression in Washington in a plan of self-education. The three principal officers of each lodge are each asked to prepare a paper or lecture for their lodge, material for the preparation being suggested by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education. While this seems a step in bringing out what may be in the minds of the three principal officers we hardly see how it helps with the member on the side benches unless possibly with the idea that local example rather than the influence of literature may suggest individual action. This latter seems to be in the Grand Master's mind and he comments finally that, "These programs are aimed at self-education. They are hitting the mark." We are glad to hear that.

The Masonic Code as revised appears in the Proceedings in part and to those who can read between the lines is decidedly interesting.

The revision of methods in the Masonic Home appears to have been carried out to everybody's satisfaction.

The Grand Master has emphasized in his visits the necessity of greater stress on the implications of the ceremonial.

He says, in part, "It has seemed to me that we do not have as firm a belief in the teachings of Masonry as we should have; that we are prone to think of the obligations, charges and teachings of Masonry in the abstract, with not sufficient application to ourselves." Exactly so. The curse of Masonry today in our humble opinion is contained in that last phrase "with not sufficient application to ourselves." The lust for numbers and dollars, for the practice of an elaborate ceremonial for its own sake in Temples and Lodge Rooms has effectively brought about a condition where the teachings are mere abstractions and the actions of all too many Masons entirely different from their lodge room professions. Much of the effort and expenditure for so-called Masonic Education, instead of being used for rattling among the dry bones of a vanished past might well be directed to an attempt to match practice with pretension and to making the almost too well known square and compasses a hallmark of sterling integrity rather than mere indication of membership in a fraternity.

We note with interest the Grand Master's sympathetic reference to the Order of De Molay for Boys. He rules later, however, and rightly we think, that a lodge may not use its funds for a contribution to an endowment for the same Order.

He gives a brief outline of the work of the Grand Masters' Conference at which forty one Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The commonest objection to this Conference for the exchange of views seems to be removed by a resolution, "Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this Conference hereby declares that it is not the thought, purpose or intent of this Conference, now, or at any time in the future, to form any General Grand Lodge, or to form or promote any organization or movement which will infringe in any way upon the sovereignty of any Grand Lodge."

The George Washington Memorial Scheme is commented upon. Says the Grand Master, ". . . the time may not be so far distant when the principles of Freemasonry may need a mammoth memorial of this kind to impress their worth and value." We hope not, for we cannot see very well the impress of certain other mammoth memorials such as the Pyramids of Egypt on human conduct and action.

The Grand Secretary records a net loss of 286 in membership. Not serious in itself, perhaps, particularly in view of recent changes in the method of handling N.P.D's. in this jurisdiction, but coupled with similar reports from other jurisdictions makes one wonder if the present reaction has not some serious aspects.

The report contains a short but thoughtful exposition of "The Eternal Truths of Masonry" by W. Bro. Arthur J. Baker.

The report of the Grand Historian we found particularly interesting dealing as it does, in unbiassed language, with the problem of Negro Masonry from the historical point of view.

The opinion of W. Bro. Sydney H. Moss, who had been resident in China for thirty years, as expressed in a brief address regarding Masonic conditions in China, is, we think, decidedly worth quoting: ". . . I believe that if there is one force which is making itself felt above all else in China today in regard to the Christianization of the Chinese nation, it is Masonry, and I believe that if there is any hope at all for China to become even partially a Christian nation, it is through Masonry."

There is the usual review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges in which Alberta finds kindly mention.

Next communication at Bellingham, June 16th, 1931.

Grand Master, William C. Bates, Vancouver.

Grand Secretary, Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.

A.M.M

WEST VIRGINIA

At the Annual Communication, Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, Junior Grand Warden. We are pleased to note the advancement of this brother to the office of Senior Grand Warden at this communication.

The Grand Master had to deal with that bugbear and pest of our Fraternity, "Clandestine Masonry," and apparently his action was prompt and successful. He first called a meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee to consider the matter and they recommended that proceedings be instituted at once against the spurious Grand Lodge, which was done. Then some of the victims of that organization swore out warrants

for the arrest of the parties concerned on a charge of obtaining money on false pretences, with the result that the activities of the clandestine body were immediately curtailed, if not stopped altogether, and probably a jail sentence will be incurred by some of the promoters of the swindle. As a result of this affair the Grand Master recommends that a charter be obtained from the Secretary of State incorporating Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master also comments on the fact that a lodge had accepted a dimit from a clandestine lodge of another State as genuine and admitted by affiliation the holder of it. Such laxness, on the part of the lodge in not making thorough investigation, was inexcusable, he said, and not to be lightly treated.

He recommended that the question of allowing sundry organizations which claim more or less connection with Masonry, to meet in Masonic lodge rooms be considered by the Jurisprudence Committee, he, apparently, viewing their occupancy of these lodge rooms as not desirable, and one can sympathise with his apprehension. Masonic lodges should not be invaded by such organizations.

He recommended the amalgamation of weak lodges, especially in view of improved road conditions. He finds lodges have been over zealous in building temples for themselves and makes recommendation that no lodge be permitted to build, repair or remodel their temple without the consent of Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, which was subsequently approved by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary makes an earnest plea for more accurate and prompt returns from lodge secretaries, in which he has the complete sympathy of the writer.

Here is what the Grand Lecturer has to say about the importance of our ritual;

"In its history and traditions, its purposes, its means of existence and in its modes and manners, a Masonic lodge differs from all other institutions in our community. And the outstanding mark that distinguishes the institution of Freemasonry is its body of traditional landmarks, with which is so closely interwoven a traditional ritual, that to neglect to practise the ritual inflicts irreparable injury to the fundamental foundations of the Order."

In their Masonic Home they maintain 91 beneficiaries, of whom a large percentage are boys and girls, who are evidently cared for in the best possible way. Their total investment is \$415,816.05, while the cost per beneficiary is \$347.06 per annum. In addition they have an Educational Fund to assist students, children of members, to complete their education, the grants being advanced as loans, which do not bear interest until after the student's course has been completed, when the loan is repayable in four years' time. It is noted that only one student has so far attempted to repay the loan.

The correspondence is ably dealt with by M. W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M. I think he is somewhat astray in the figures quoted as to the area and population of Alberta. Our population is between 600,000 and 700,000 and our area is approximately 225,000 square miles. Alberta receives kindly and fraternal attention at his hands in two pages and a half.

M. W. Bro. William Turner Morris, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Laidley, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This Grand Jurisdiction holds three quarterly Communications and an Annual Communication, the last in the year 1930 being held on the 22nd and 23rd of May.

M. W. Bro. Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, who had occupied the position of Grand Master of this jurisdiction for some twenty-three years, died on the 23rd of June, 1929, while still Grand Master. The universal respect and affection in which the late Brother Riley was held is evidenced by the numerous and eloquent references to him throughout the Proceedings of this and other Grand Jurisdictions. A Special Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of holding an In Memoriam Service was held on the 25th of July, 1929, at Perth, at which there was present a very large attendance. A most impressive service was held and the predominant feature of the address was the warm, friendly feeling the brethren of the Craft generally entertained towards the late M. W. Brother Riley. This reviewer associates himself with the sentiments expressed as having for several years reviewed the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge he came to have a very warm personal feeling towards the late Grand Master. A contribution had been taken up among the lodges for a testimonial to the late Grand Master. This amounted to approximately \$10,000 and was paid over to Mrs. Riley, widow of the late Grand Master.

The matter of Masonic dress was discussed at some length and a official pronouncement made that formal Masonic dress would consist of full black, white tie and gloves, the point being that a black tie should not be worn.

A motion to amend the Constitution providing that the Grand Master might not hold office for more than three years in succession was overwhelmingly defeated.

The Grand Inspector of Workings recommends that the Director of Ceremonies of the individual lodges hold office continuously for several years. He found that where this had been done the Ritual Work of the lodge was of a much higher standard than in the other cases.

The Board of Benevolence paid out nearly \$4,000 during the year. The Widows and Orphans Fund is supporting 114 children, 11 aged Freemasons and 20 aged widows, requiring an annual expenditure of over \$14,000. Since its establishment this Fund has assisted 162 children until they were in a position to support themselves. This in addition to the Aged Masons and Widows. The capital of the Fund now stands at nearly \$190,000.

Included in the Annual Report is a very full report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which Alberta receives ample mention. In this connection, this reviewer is corrected in his Review of the 1929 Proceedings, regarding the Western Australian attitude towards Masonic Funerals. The Board of General Purposes of that jurisdiction emphasized in regard to Masonic Funerals that it entirely disagreed with the impression of some lodges that the reading of the Masonic Burial Service without regalia required no official permission. The chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, W. Bro. J. W. E. Archdeacon, says further, "there is a growing feeling in many parts of the Empire that the discouragement exhibited by the Mother Grand Lodge towards Masonic Funerals is well founded." He reverts again to the point of public wearing of Masonic Regalia in dealing with the Review of British Columbia Proceedings. In that case 14 dispensa-

tions were granted to attend Divine service in regalia. He raises the question of the propriety of so much display. Again, reviewing the Prince Edward Island Proceedings he mentions that 4 dispensations were granted to appear in Masonic clothing and regalia at church parades and points out that this sort of display is not favored in the Western Australian Jurisdiction. This reviewer is heartily in accord with Brother Archdeacon's views.

Number of Lodges, 149. Total membership, 8,508. Net gain for the year, 389.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. C. McCallum, M.B.E. (M.I.L.).

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson.

E.T.B.

WISCONSIN

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Free and Accepted Masons opened in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the City of Milwaukee on Tuesday, June 10th, 1930, with M. W. Bro. Frank Jenks, Grand Master, presiding.

Of the eighteen past Grand Masters there were fifteen present in addition to one Past Deputy Grand Master and eight Past Grand Wardens.

R. W. Bro. E. L. Urquhart the Grand Representative of Alberta, who is also a past Senior Grand Warden, was present.

It is worthy of note the passing of two eminent Masons in the persons of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. W. W. Perry who was for twenty-seven years Grand Secretary and M. W. Bro. D. B. Greene who was for nine years Grand Lecturer.

M. W. Bro. Jenks made the following decisions which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

1. A member of a lodge who has been absent for many years returns and wants to get in the lodge of which he is a member but no one has sat in lodge with him, an examination is necessary in this case.
2. Two ballot boxes cannot be passed simultaneously for voting on different candidates.
3. A brother filing charges against another is not entitled to be represented by counsel at the expense of the lodge. If a lodge appoints counsel they must pay for the services if a charge is made.
4. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has the power to set aside an election to a Masonic office if there is a flagrant violation of the law against electioneering for a Masonic office. He is answerable to Grand Lodge for any abuse of his power if a charge is preferred.
5. A demit must be granted to a brother whose dues are paid. Arrears on his pledge for the building fund cannot be held against him.
6. Objection was made to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice. Ballot by slips of paper was not legal and all members present must vote unless excused by the unanimous consent of the lodge.

7. A candidate received the obligation of a M.M. and was taken sick. The W.M. must proceed at a subsequent communication with the exemplification of the degree at the point it was interrupted.

The Grand Master has some doubt in his mind whether some of the organizations predicated their membership on Freemasonry, should be allowed to use Masonic Halls. He would not bar the Eastern Star Chapter, Preceptory or Scottish Rite but is in doubt about The Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Ancient Order of Sciots, White Shrine, Order of De Molay, Order of Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters, Order of Amaranth the Grotto, The Imps of Mount Moriah and possibly others.

Wisconsin appears to be well organized.

The Grand Master says:

"The Home is gradually filling up, and the time is not very far distant when it will be filled to capacity. We have a wonderful Home, and it is doing splendid work, but I often wonder whether it is a kindness to take an aged Mason or his widow and transplant them from their home town, even to so fine a home as we have at Dousman. They are separated from lifelong friends and associations, and I fear, suffer greatly from homesickness and desire to be with close personal friends. It seems to me that we could maintain them in their old surroundings, where they will be happy and contented, at a much less cost than at the Home, and I would recommend that in the future the policy of keeping some of these dependent brethren and their wives, widows, and children at their old homes be followed."

We think in Alberta that he is right. In any case we have always followed what he is prepared to recommend.

We excerpt from the address further:

"So many questions have come to me relative to the physical qualifications of a candidate for Masonry that I wish at this time to call attention to the fact that the candidate must not be maimed, mutilated or deformed and that the loss of any member disqualifies."

This appears rather severe to Canadians.

The George Washigton Memorial is now running into figures close to four and a half million dollars.

The Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of the Republic of Panama was recognized and an exchange of representatives recommended.

The Committee on Masonic Research presented a comprehensive report showing the activity of the leaders in Wisconsin in Masonic Education. The Past Masters' Association in connection therewith adopted a series of Speaker's Contests in Milwaukee County. From the Committee's report we excerpt as follows:

"Early in 1930 Bro. Fred Price, President of the Past Masters' Association called a meeting of the members and plans were adopted for holding a series of speaker's contests in Milwaukee County. . . .

"From the standpoint of attendance at lodge, group and final contests, the presentation of a variety of subject matter, and the interest shown by those present, the undertaking was very gratifying. Many of the addresses were of very high character—instructive and inspirational, and the speakers will, no doubt, be asked to repeat them on special occasions in various lodges.

"The success of this contest assures its repetition in Milwaukee next winter, and we hope to see it tried in several other sections of this jurisdiction. If this meets with the approval of the Grand Lodge, we intend to print the general plan, suggestive rules and regulations, and such information as will help those who desire to try it in their locality. We will always be ready to give them any assistance possible in starting such a movement."

Alberta is working along similar lines but had no "Speaker's Forum" in connection with our Installed Masters' Association of Alberta.

M. W. Bro. Jenks in his Foreign Correspondence gives to Alberta three pages. He is liberal in his quotations from the address of M. W. Bro. Mitchell.

Membership, 62,338. Gain, 829.

M. W. Bro. Herbert N. Laflin, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

WYOMING

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication was held at Casper, on August 27th and 28th, 1930. Grand Master Robert H. Hopkins presided. Forty-three of the forty-six chartered lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction were represented.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present, and welcomed with the Grand Honours.

A short address of welcome was given by Brother Ellsworth W. Rowell, of Casper Lodge, No. 15, both on behalf of the officers and members of his lodge and for the citizens as their Mayor. Brother T. Blake Kennedy responded on behalf of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master reported the year as having been a quiet one. Peace and harmony had prevailed generally. Two minor disturbances had been reported, but apparently settled amicably in accordance with the Code. One additional lodge had been instituted, and there were three lodges U.D. All the lodges except two are in a flourishing condition. In fact one or two are becoming too large. Some lodges have suffered from the shifting of population to other centres, and their continuance will present a problem in the future.

By proclamation each subordinate lodge had been directed to hold special services at a regular or special communication on November 4th 1930, or on a date as near to November 4th as was possible, in memory of George Washington, who was the first Master of Alexandria Lodge, No. 22, which was then working under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

A short report was given of the Conference of Grand Masters held in Washington, D.C., in March, 1930. At this Conference it was thought advisable to pass a resolution disclaiming any intention to form any General Grand Lodge, or any organization that would infringe in any way upon the sovereignty of any Grand Lodge. We are inclined to think that this suspicion of extra-territorial domination is the factor militating against the operation and success of the Masonic Service

Association, and the National Masonic Tuberculosis Association of New Mexico. The situation is very similar to the insistence upon State Rights in the legislative field. To some extent the George Washington National Memorial Association suffers from the same cause. Apparently Kansas has refused to contribute anything to this Memorial, and nearly all the Grand Jurisdictions seem to have trouble in raising their quotas. Wyoming, however, is rather fortunate in this latter respect.

The Grand Master made forty-eight official visits, seeing every lodge but one which failed to keep an appointment that had been made. This is a splendid record.

Wyoming seems to be troubled with the "chain letter" nuisance, in common with other Grand Jurisdictions. We cannot explain this feature except on the basis that superstition is not yet dead, even among Masons.

Of thirteen reported decisions all but three were approved.

The Grand Secretary reported the membership at 8,473, an increase of 112.

Considerable relief work is being done. We are glad to note that the funds available for this purpose are sufficient.

A new Ritual has been prepared in accordance with a resolution passed at the last Regular Communication.

An interesting item in the Report of the Grand Historian is the account of the Masonic Meeting held on Independence Rock to commemorate the first Masonic meeting in that part of the Rocky Mountain region. This is now an annual affair, and is held on July 4th of each year.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reveals that a clandestine body has invaded the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia, and is causing trouble. The chain letter nuisance is noted, and Masons are urged to discourage it by breaking the chain. Several Grand Jurisdictions are moving towards dual membership. The report quotes the principles established by England for Grand Lodge recognition.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is in the capable hands of the Grand Secretary, Joseph M. Lowndes, who reviewed sixty-four proceedings. Pertinent comment makes the report interesting reading. Alberta is fully noted, and quotations from the Proceedings freely given.

M. W. Bro. Elwood Anderson, Gillette, Grand Master.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

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